

2021

**Virginia Land Conservation
Foundation**

FY21 Grant Program Round II

Workshop Agenda

March 2, 2021

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| 2:00 PM | Overview of VLCF Grant Application Requirements and Additional Scoring Criteria
<i>Suzan Bulbulkaya, Dept. of Conservation & Recreation</i> |
| 2:15 PM | Farmland Preservation Category
<i>Jen Perkins, Dept. of Agriculture & Consumer Services</i> |
| 2:30 PM | Forest Preservation Category
<i>Karl Didier, Department of Forestry</i> |
| 2:45 PM | Historic Resources Category
<i>Karri Richardson, Department of Historic Resources</i> |
| 3:00 PM | Natural Areas Category
<i>Rob Evans, Division of Natural Heritage, DCR</i> |
| 3:15 PM | Open Space and Parks Category
<i>Kristal McKelvey, Dept. of Conservation & Recreation</i> |
| 3:30 PM | Questions from the audience |

VLCF Basics

- Funding available for land conservation: **\$5.5M**
 - 25% to VOF (\$1,375,000), per Va. Code
 - **\$4,625,000 grant round** (includes additional \$500,000 for natural area protection from a withdrawn project from a prior grant round)
 - Five categories of funding
 - » \$825,000 for Farmland Preservation
 - » \$825,000 for Forestland Preservation
 - » \$825,000 for Historic Preservation
 - » \$1,325,000 for Natural Area Protection
 - » \$825,000 for Open Space and Parks
- Eligible applicants are state and local governmental agencies and qualified nonprofit organizations
- Applicants can seek up to 50% of a project's acquisition costs, unless a state agency

General Program Requirements

- Project must protect a specific site, with the parcels clearly identified in the application
- Project should be completed within **TWO YEARS**; one year extension may be granted
- Projects by nonprofits must have an open-space easement held by a public body



Grant Manual & Application

- Please note the important information in the Appendices:
 - Appendix A: Application requirements
 - Appendix B: Scoring Sheets and Additional Scoring Points
 - Appendix C: Example Match letter
 - Appendix D: Required Property Protections and Riparian Buffer Info

New for 2021: Submit your application (50 pgs max) electronically via email, in one searchable PDF file.

Files larger than 20 MB will take an extra step: contact Larry.Mikkelson@dcr.Virginia.gov by March 29, to receive instructions to upload your digital application to the state's large file transfer platform.

- Applications are **due to DCR by 4 p.m. on April 5, 2021.**
- Incomplete or late applications will not be accepted.

Grant Application Scoring

Interagency Taskforce:

- Dept. of Agriculture & Consumer Services
- Dept. of Forestry
- Dept. of Historic Resources
- Dept. of Conservation & Recreation
 - Natural Heritage
 - Planning & Recreation Resources
- Dept. of Wildlife Resources
- Virginia Outdoors Foundation

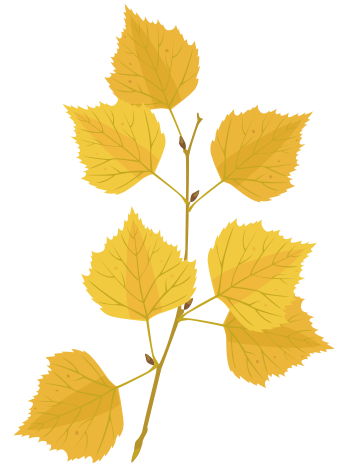
- Scoring criteria are based on the five statutory categories, 100 points
- Choose a secondary category and be sure to include information about how the project supports this category in your application (*May be critical to receive funding if none is available in the primary category*)
- Additional Scoring Criteria are applied to each project, 72 points. Be sure to address all criteria!

Grant Application Scoring, con't.

- SCORE your application! (Be sure all pertinent info is included in your application to get all of the points)

All resource protections stated in the application that receive points must be included in the project's final deed language.

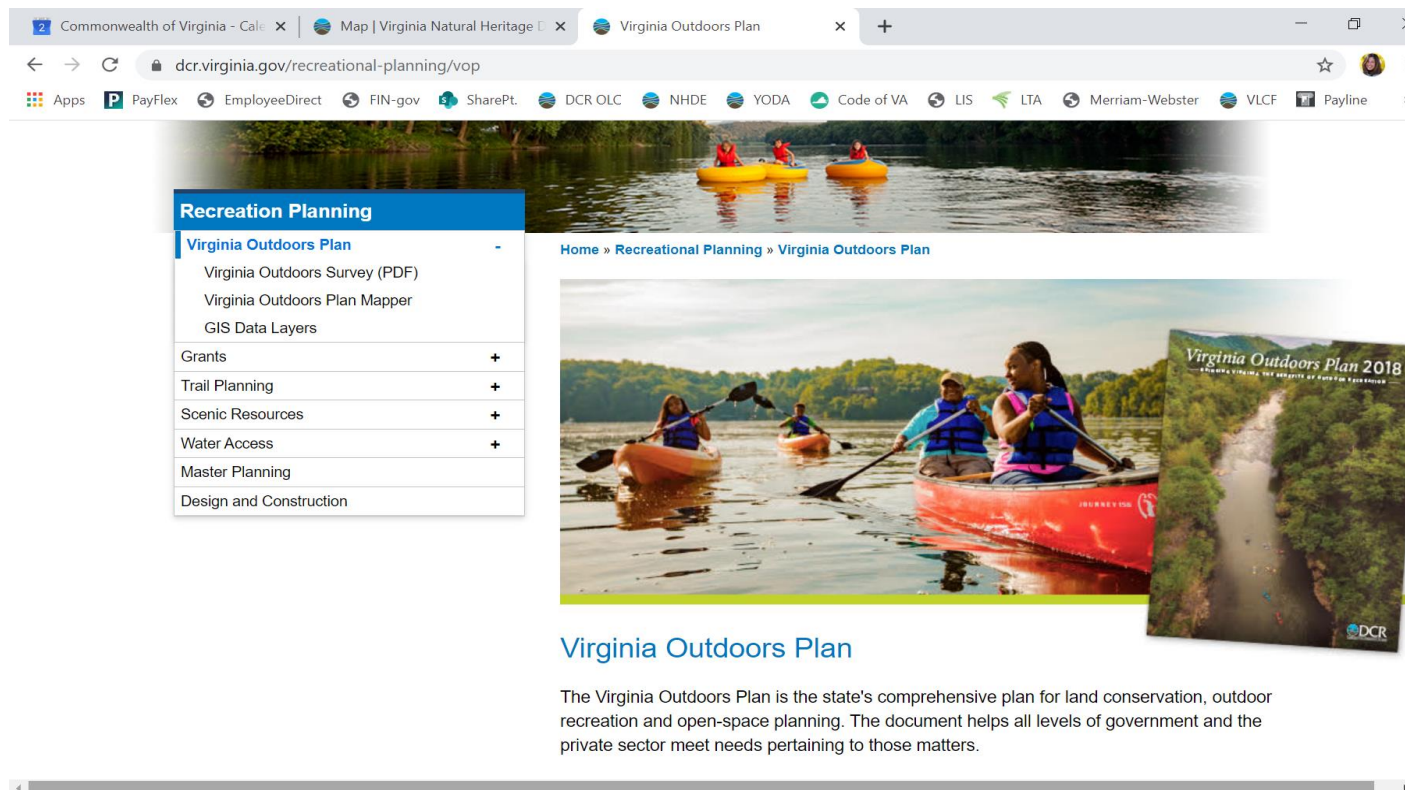
Eg., promised 100-foot riparian buffers that are forested get extra points and must be protected in perpetuity.



Additional Scoring Criteria – see page 23

1. VOP Identified Need - Does the project provide resource conservation needs as id'd in the *Virginia Outdoors Plan* or a local comprehensive plan?

Find the VOP at: www.dcr.virginia.gov/recreational_planning/vop.shtml



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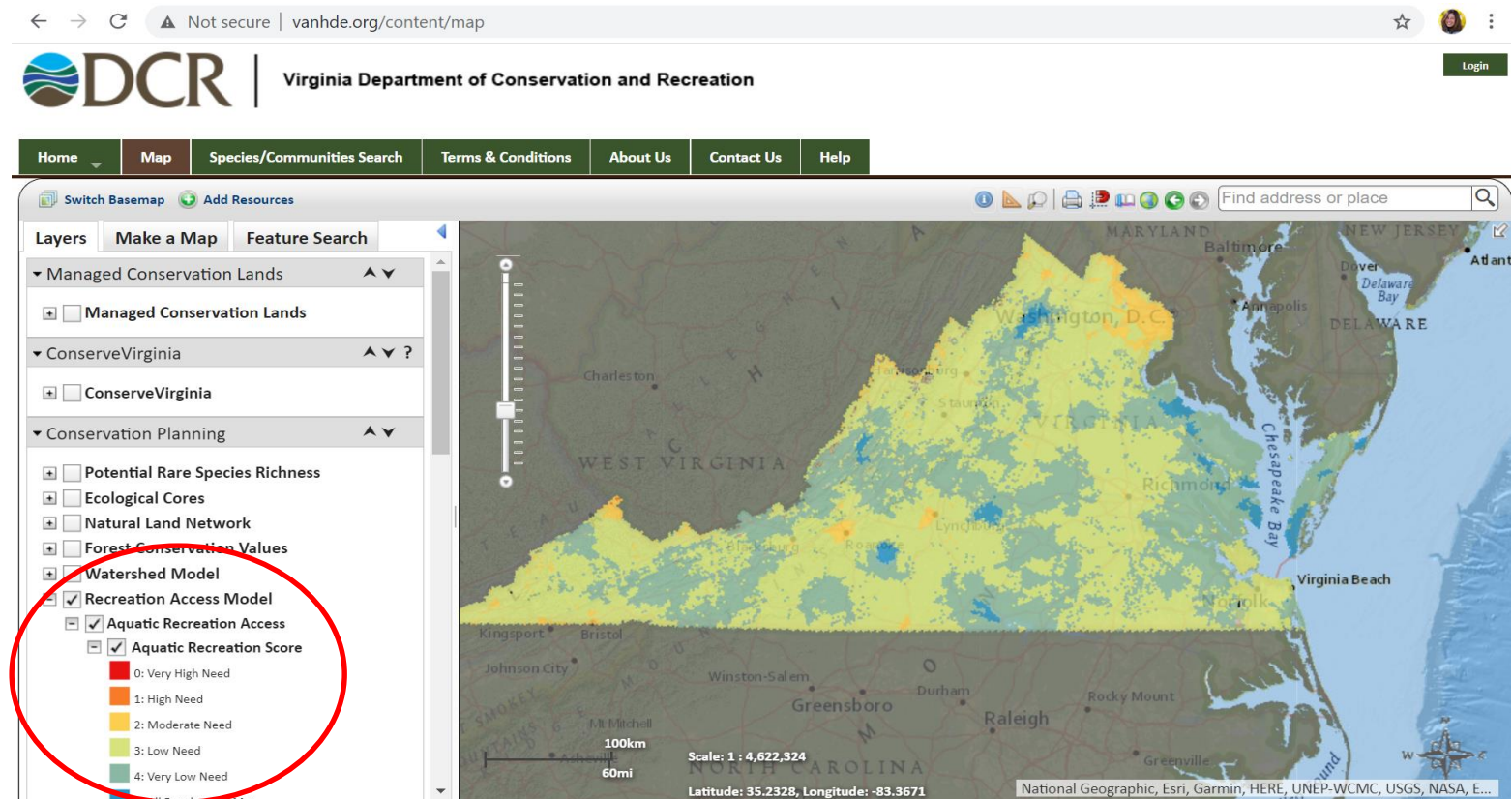
- Virginia Outdoors Plan (selected)
 - Virginia Outdoors Survey (PDF)
 - Virginia Outdoors Plan Mapper
 - GIS Data Layers
- Grants
- Trail Planning
- Scenic Resources
- Water Access
- Master Planning
- Design and Construction

The main content area displays a banner image of people kayaking on a river. Below the banner, the text reads "Home » Recreational Planning » Virginia Outdoors Plan". To the right of the text is a large image of the "Virginia Outdoors Plan 2018" cover, which features a scenic view of a river winding through a forest. Below the banner image, the text reads "Virginia Outdoors Plan".

The Virginia Outdoors Plan is the state's comprehensive plan for land conservation, outdoor recreation and open-space planning. The document helps all levels of government and the private sector meet needs pertaining to those matters.

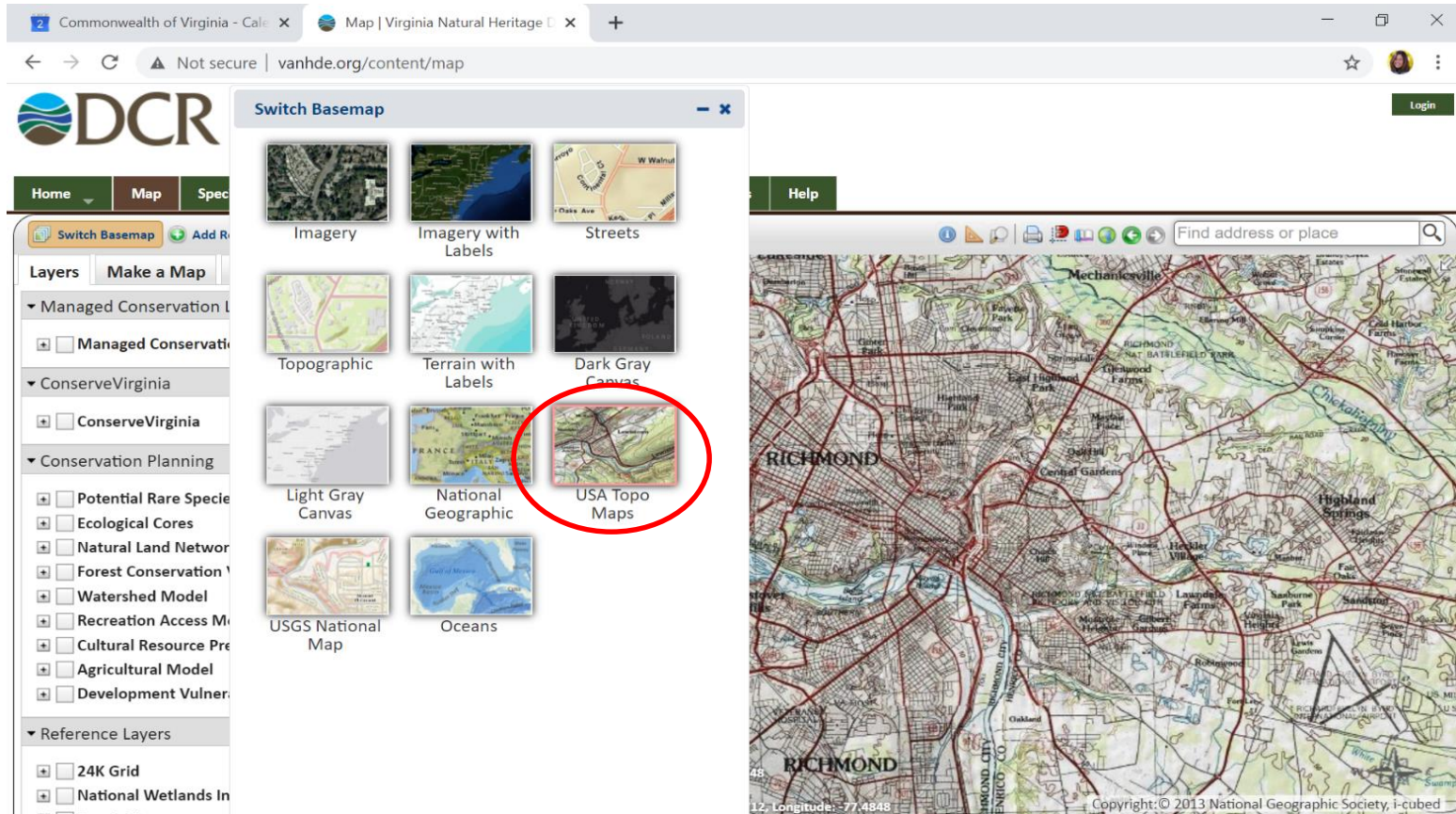
2. Virginia Recreation Access Model Identified Need - For parcels that will provide public access, does the project demonstrate a need for land or water access based on the Virginia Recreation Access Model?

Find the Rec Access Model at: <https://vanhde.org/>



3. Water Quality Benefit - Does the project protect water quality beyond the minimum 35'-wide permanent vegetated riparian buffer on perennial streams, rivers, shorelines, and waterbodies with perennial outflow?

Find USA Topo maps at: <https://vanhde.org/>



The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the vanhde.org map application. The browser's address bar shows the URL <https://vanhde.org/content/map>. The page features a DCR logo and a navigation menu with 'Home', 'Map', and 'Spec'. A 'Switch Basemap' dropdown menu is open, displaying a grid of map styles. The 'USA Topo Maps' option is circled in red. The main map area shows a topographic map of the Richmond, Virginia area, with labels for 'RICHMOND', 'Mechanicsville', and 'Hugland Springs'. A search bar at the top right of the map area contains the text 'Find address or place'.

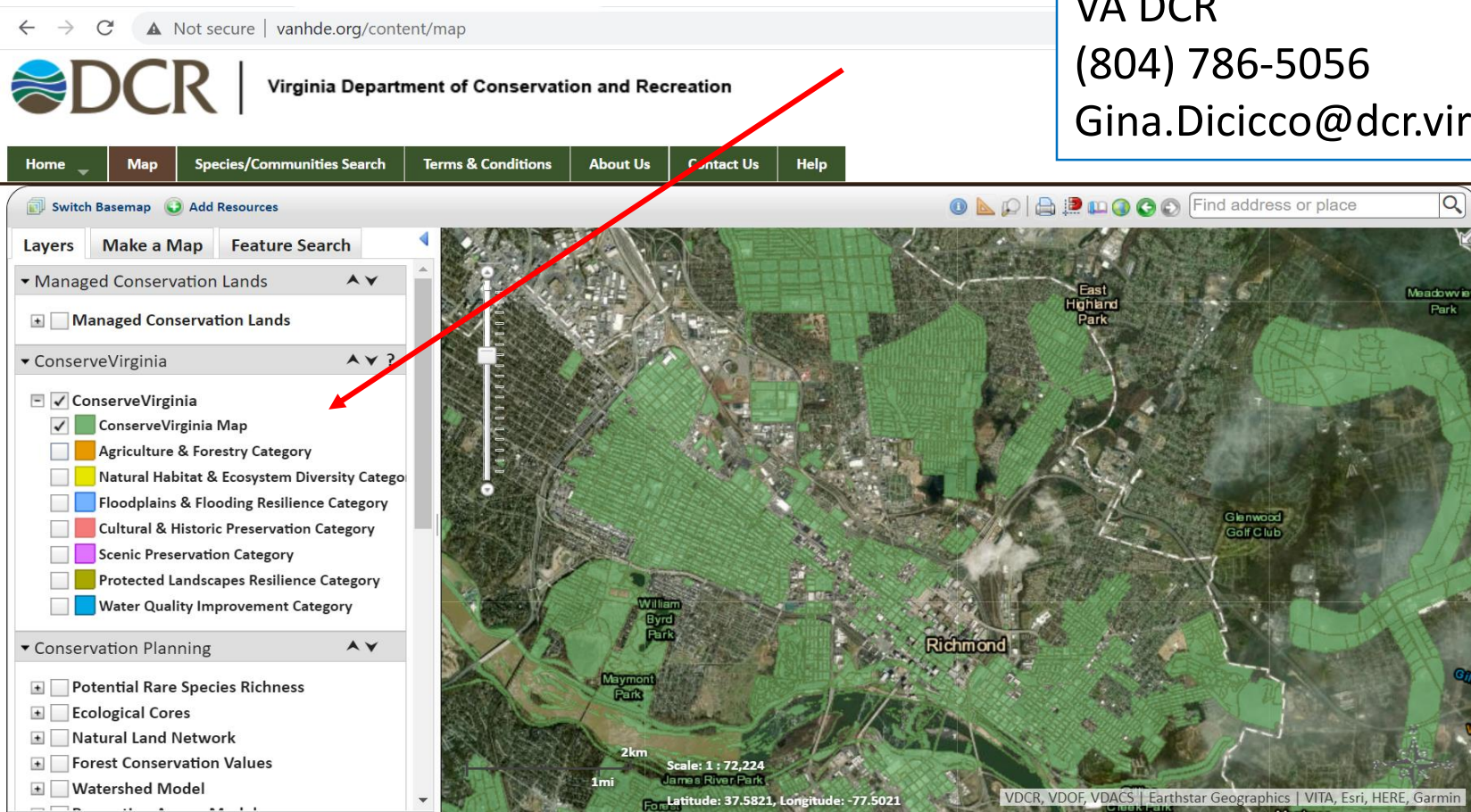
4. Protection of Cultural Resources - Is there a local cultural resource on the property that will be protected by this project?

- Examples include remnants of prior settlements or burial sites of enslaved or indigenous people, former segregated schoolhouses, or sites of early racial integration.
- Provide photos and documentation. Tell us about the cultural importance of the site.
- Provide educational opportunities open to the public.

5. Additional ConserveVirginia Values - Does the project protect additional *ConserveVirginia* values in perpetuity?

Find ConserveVirginia at: <https://vanhde.org/>

Any questions: Gina DiCicco
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The screenshot displays the ConserveVirginia web application. The top navigation bar includes the DCR logo and the text "Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation". Below this is a menu with links: Home, Map, Species/Communities Search, Terms & Conditions, About Us, Contact Us, and Help. The main content area shows a map of Richmond, Virginia, with various conservation layers overlaid. A red arrow points to the "ConserveVirginia" layer in the left sidebar. The sidebar also includes sections for "Managed Conservation Lands" and "Conservation Planning". The map itself shows a satellite view of Richmond with green overlays representing different conservation categories. A scale bar and coordinates are visible at the bottom of the map.

6. Wildlife Value - Does the project benefit wildlife, habitat, and human/wildlife interaction? **Max. 10 points.**

- Identify wildlife presence = 1 point; If DWR Species of Greatest Conservation Need or State or Federally listed T&E is present = additional 3 points
- Protect wildlife habitat = 1 point; If DWR Species of Greatest Conservation Need or State or Federally listed T&E is protected = additional 4 points
- Public access to view, hunt, or fish wildlife = 1 point

<https://vafwis.dgif.virginia.gov/fwis/>

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Welcome to the Virginia Fish and Wildlife Information Service (VaFwis) of the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (DGI) and comprehensive information about Virginia's Wildlife resources.

Notice! Virginia's 2015 Wildlife Action Plan has been approved by the USFWS!
The final plan is available online at <http://www.bewildvirginia.org>. We encourage you to review the document to ensure conservation need during project review. The 2015 W.A.P. includes a number of changes to our list of S.G.C.N. and associated concern within Virginia. Virginia Fish and Wildlife Information Service now presents 2015 W.A.P. "Tier" designations in red.

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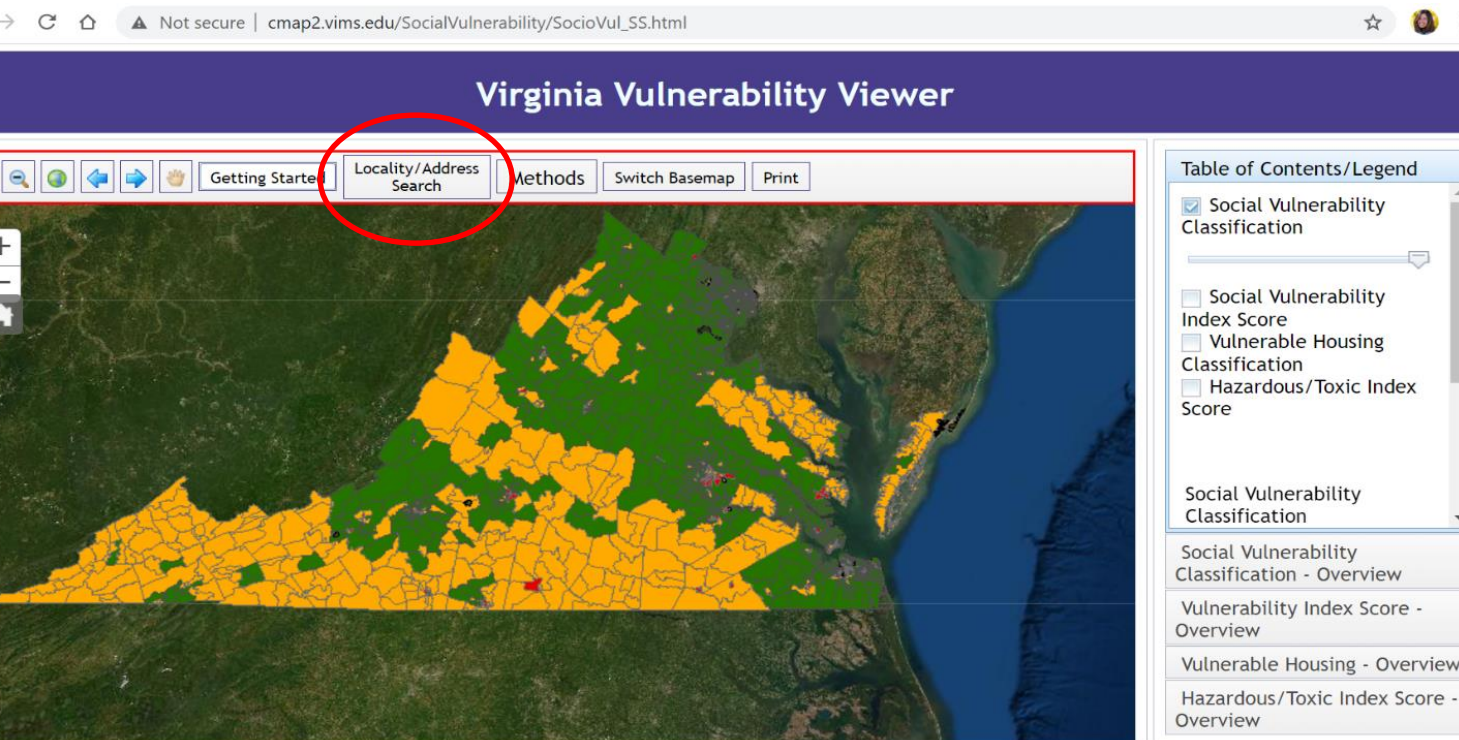
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7. Public Access - Does the project provide public or visual access?

8. Underserved Communities – Does the project benefit an underserved or socially vulnerable community?

VIMS Social Vulnerability Index :

http://cmap2.vims.edu/SocialVulnerability/SocioVul_SS.html



9. Ratio of Match to Total Project Cost – Has the applicant pledged to provide at least 60% match to the grant amount requested?

**The FY21 Round II VLCF grant manual and application
are found at:**

www.dcr.virginia.gov/virginia-land-conservation-foundation/

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Farmlands and Forest Preservation Category

- Single funding category (unless \$10 million or more available)
- Separate funding criteria have been developed for agricultural and forestal lands
- Applicant should use the set of criteria that is most appropriate for their projects
- Applications will be evaluated according to the following farm & forest criteria

Farmlands Category

VLCF Grants Workshop
October 9, 2020

Farmlands Criteria

Total of 100 points

Category I: Land Evaluation – 40 points

Category II: Land Use – 40 points

Category III: ConserveVirginia – 20 points



Land Evaluation

Soils (25 pts)

- Soils should support agricultural uses
- More points for prime, unique and statewide importance



Layer Properties Menu

- 100

Legend



Layer	Attribute Name	Attribute Value
Location	Latitude, Longitude	37.74211°, -78.38180°
Area of Interest (AOI)	Area (acres in this part)	185,798
	AoiID	2372065
Soil Rating Polygons	Soil Ratings Value	All areas are prime farmland

Land Evaluation

Average Size of Farm (15 pts)

Latest US Census of Agriculture (2017)

<https://www.agcensus.usda.gov/Publications/AgCensus/2017/>

Table 8. Farms, Land in Farms, Value of Land and Buildings, and Land Use: 2017 and 2012

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text.]

Item	Virginia	Accomack	Albemarle	Alleghany
FARMS AND LAND IN FARMS				
Farms number, 2017	43,225	239	913	165
..... 2012	46,030	226	946	207
Land in farms acres, 2017	7,797,979	76,761	182,781	30,857
..... 2012	8,302,444	77,389	168,877	36,983
Average size of farm acres, 2017	180	321	200	187
..... 2012	180	342	179	179
Estimated market value of land and buildings farms, 2017	43,225	239	913	165
..... 2012	46,030	226	946	207
..... \$1,000, 2017	36,060,627	327,632	1,808,050	130,055
..... 2012	35,752,388	283,628	1,478,643	114,866
Average per farm dollars, 2017	834,254	1,370,847	1,980,339	788,210
..... 2012	776,719	1,254,991	1,563,048	554,908
Average per acre dollars, 2017	4,624	4,268	9,892	4,215
..... 2012	4,306	3,665	8,756	3,108
2017 farms by value group:				
\$1 to \$49,999	2,423	15	18	8
\$50,000 to \$99,999	2,907	12	25	7
\$100,000 to \$199,999	6,220	40	43	36
\$200,000 to \$499,999	14,682	66	187	66
\$500,000 to \$999,999	8,744	42	248	28
\$1,000,000 to \$1,999,999	4,448	29	159	12
\$2,000,000 to \$4,999,999	2,746	19	147	5
\$5,000,000 to \$9,999,999	784	9	59	-
\$10,000,000 or more	271	7	27	3

Land Use

Current and historical use of property (8 pts)

CENTURY FARMS

As established in the [Code of Virginia](#), the Virginia Century Farm Program recognizes and honors those farms that have been in operation for at least 100 consecutive years and the generations of Virginia farm families whose diligent and dedicated efforts have maintained these farms, provided nourishment to their fellow citizens and contributed so greatly to the economy of the Commonwealth.

In recognition of their designation as a Virginia Century Farm, families receive a certificate signed by the Governor and the Commissioner of the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, and a sign appropriate for outdoor display. In addition, the name of the farm and its owners is listed on this site.

Contact

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Virginia Century Farms

These 1451 farms have been recognized as Virginia Century Farms. The information is listed by locality, and includes the farm name and the farm owners when the Century Farm recognition originally was bestowed.

Accomack 15	Culpeper 11	Lee 13	Rappahannock 4
Albemarle 11	Cumberland 19	Loudoun 20	Richmond (county) 11
Alleghany 1	Dinwiddie 28	Louisa 29	Richmond/Northumberland 1
Amelia 11	Essex 4	Lunenburg 18	Roanoke 3
Amelia/Nottaway 1	Fauquier 18	Lynchburg 1	Rockbridge 15
Amherst 14	Floyd 9	Madison 18	Rockingham 55
Appomattox 12	Fluvanna 11	Mathews 4	Russell 36
Augusta 58	Franklin 38	Mecklenburg 27	Scott 20
Bath 1	Frederick 15	Middlesex 6	Shenandoah 41
Bedford 30	Giles 8	Montgomery 6	Smyth 17
Bland 13	Gloucester 6	Nelson 12	Southampton 96
Botetourt 11	Goochland 4	New Kent 7	Spotsylvania 6
Brunswick 10	Grayson 14	Northampton 6	Stafford 8
Buchanan 2	Greene 2	Northumberland 20	Suffolk 24
Buckingham 4	Greensville 6	Nottoway 15	Surry 27

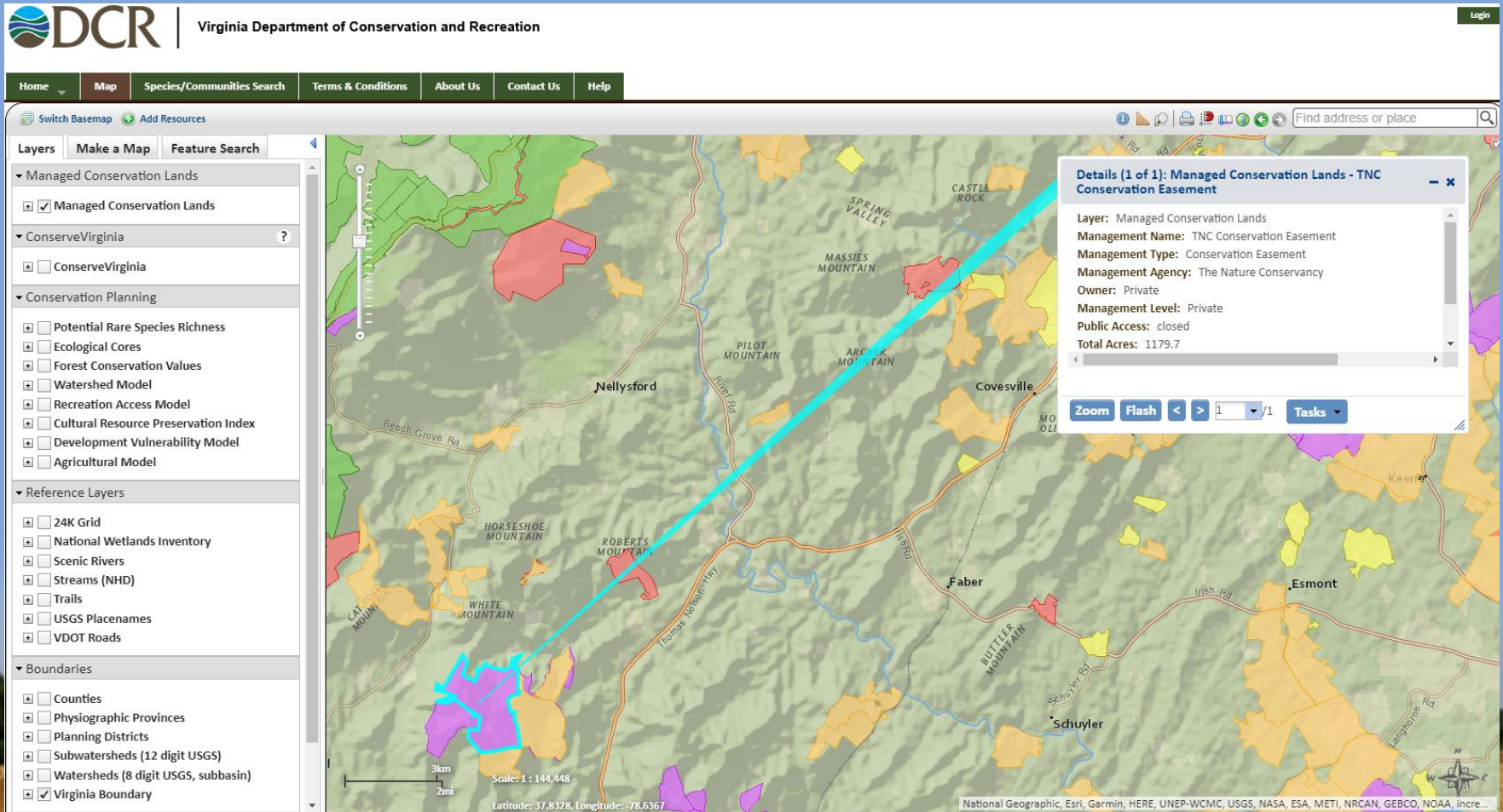
1. Is the land currently being farmed?

2. Is this a Century Farm?

<http://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/conservation-and-environmental-virginia-century-farms.shtml>

Land Use

Proximity to other preserved lands (10 pts)

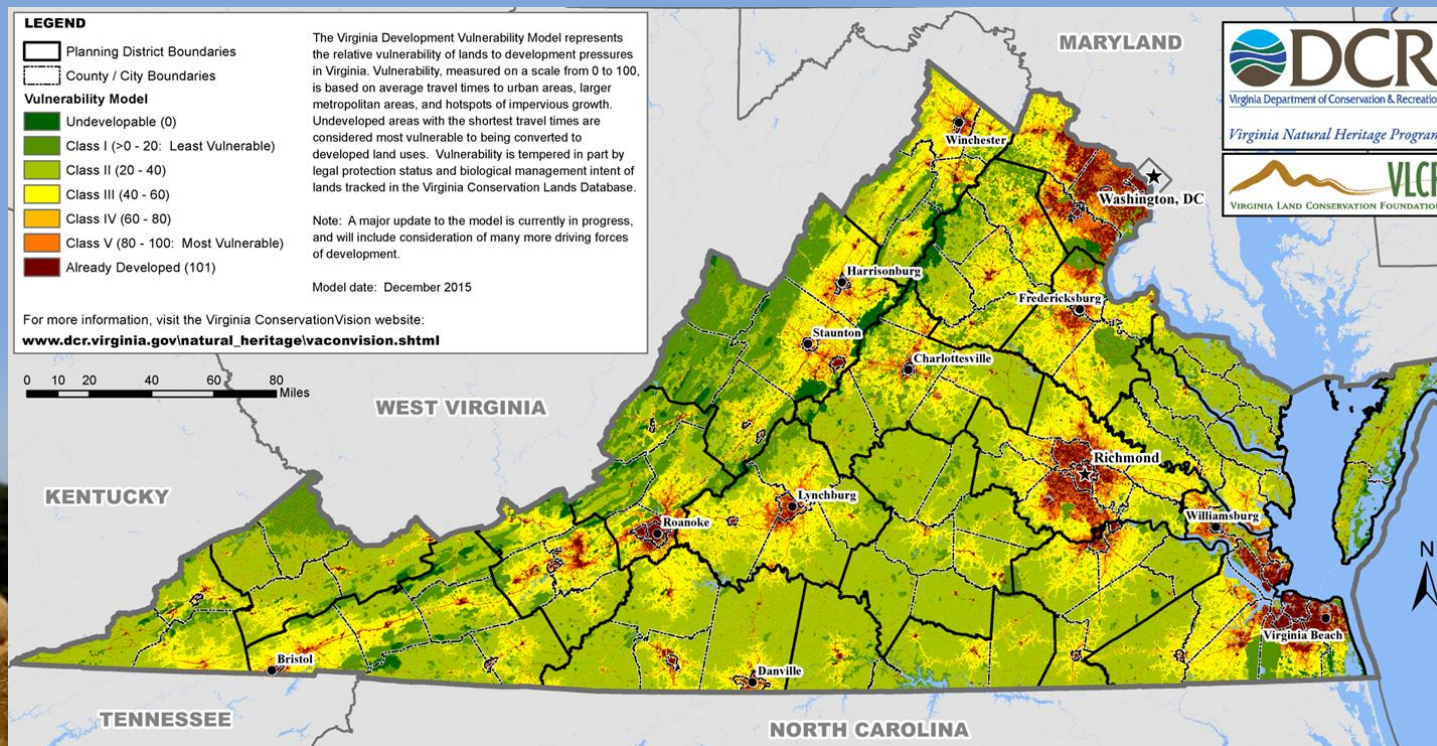


<https://vanhde.org/content/map>

Land Use

Vulnerability ranking (8 pts)

- 2 points for each ranking from Class II to Class V
 - ConservationVision Development Vulnerability Model
 - More development pressure = more points



<https://vanhde.org/content/map>

Land Use

Implementation of farm BMPs (10 pts)

- Points for both voluntary Best Management Practices and those through a state or federal conservation plan
- Additional points awarded for land with conservation plans and/or nutrient management plans

Best Management Practices = BMPs

Roof water management to collect clean water and direct away from livestock confinement areas

Heavy use area protection

Vegetated filter strips

Appropriately sized livestock confinement area

Covered manure storage

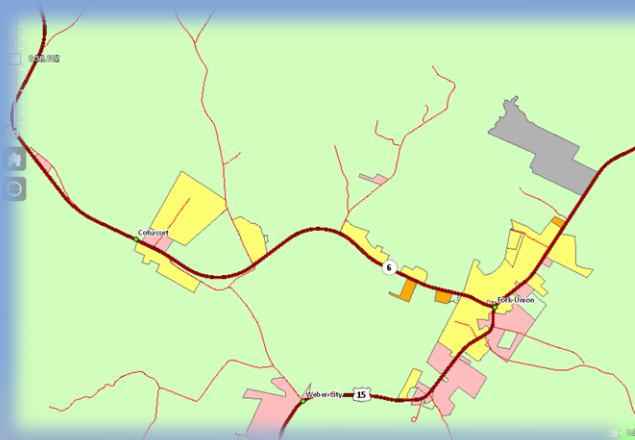
If your barn roof dumps rain water into your animal confinement area, that clean rain water becomes contaminated as it mixes with manure and contributes to muddy conditions. Contaminated rain water then runs off the confinement area and may find its way to the nearest surface water.



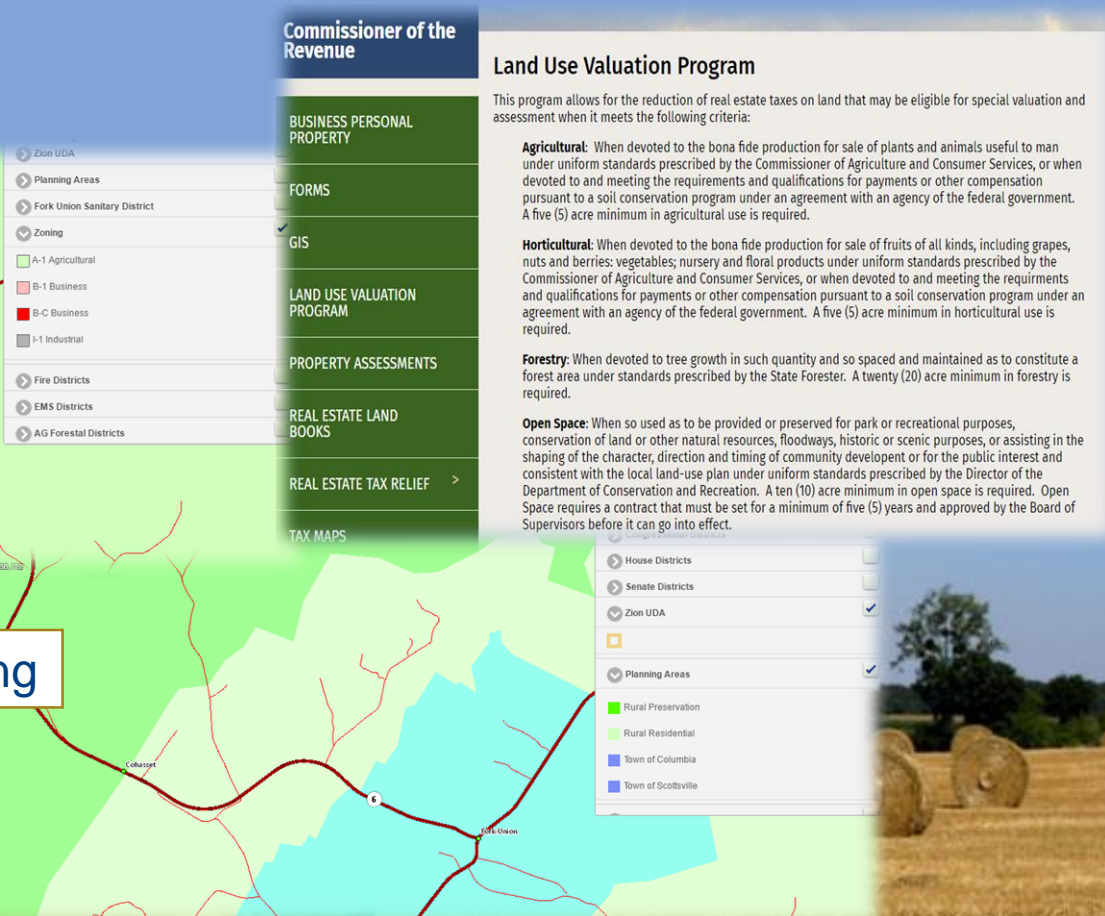
Land Use

Supported by local policies (4 pts)

Demonstrated support for farmland protection policies including comprehensive plan, ag zoning, agriculture/forestral districts, and use value taxation



Zoning Map: Agricultural Zoning



Future Land Use Map: Rural Preservation

ConserveVirginia Agriculture Layer (20 pts)



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ConserveVirginia

- ☒ ConserveVirginia
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- ☐ Floodplains & Flooding Resilience Category
- ☐ Cultural & Historic Preservation Category
- ☐ Scenic Preservation Category
- ☐ Protected Landscapes Resilience Category

Conservation Planning

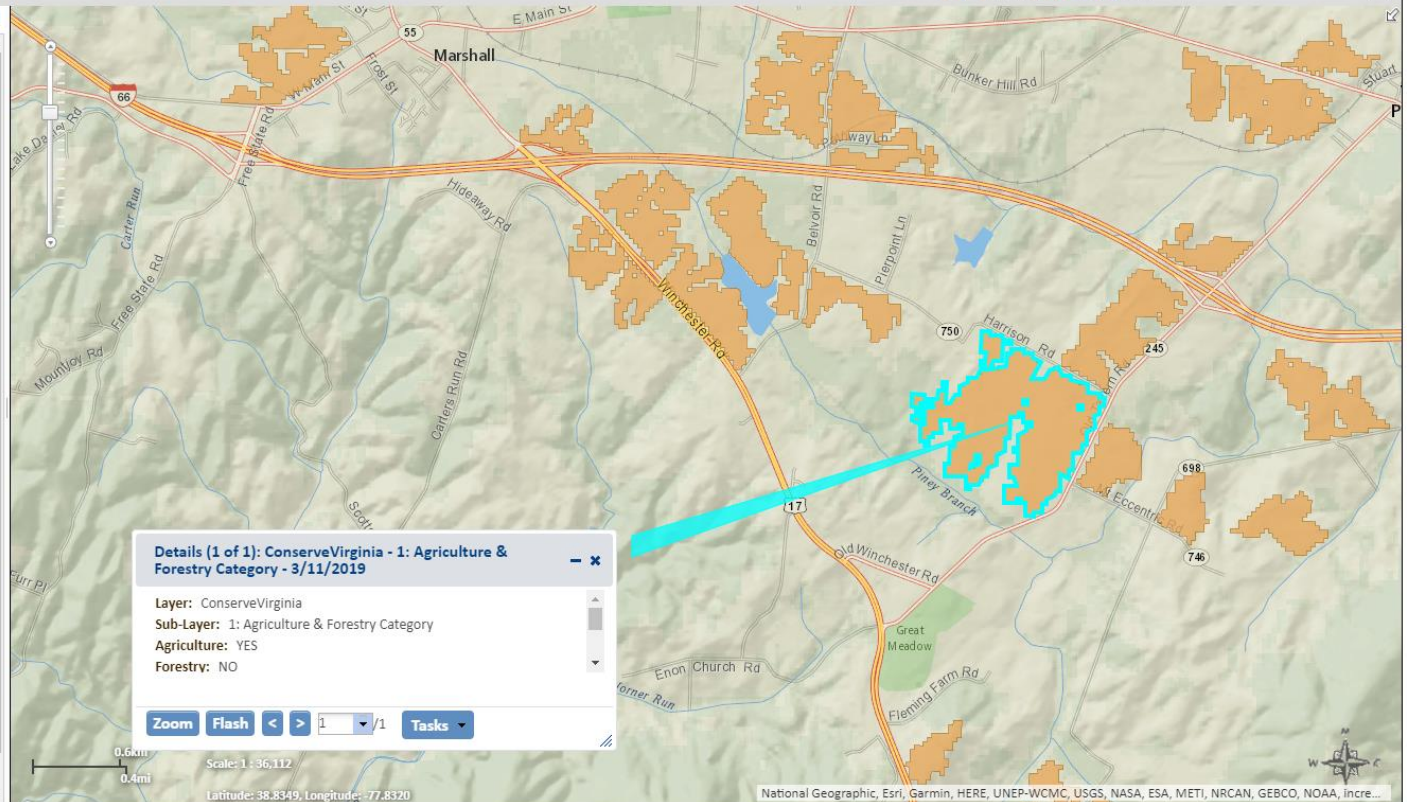
Reference Layers

- ☐ 24K Grid
- ☐ National Wetlands Inventory
- ☐ Scenic Rivers
- ☐ Streams (NHD)
- ☐ Trails
- ☐ USGS Placenames
- ☐ VDOT Roads

Boundaries

- ☐ Counties
- ☐ Physiographic Provinces
- ☐ Planning Districts
- ☐ Subwatersheds (12 digit USGS)
- ☐ Watersheds (8 digit USGS, subbasin)
- ☒ Virginia Boundary

Basemap



Questions?

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Forest Preservation Category



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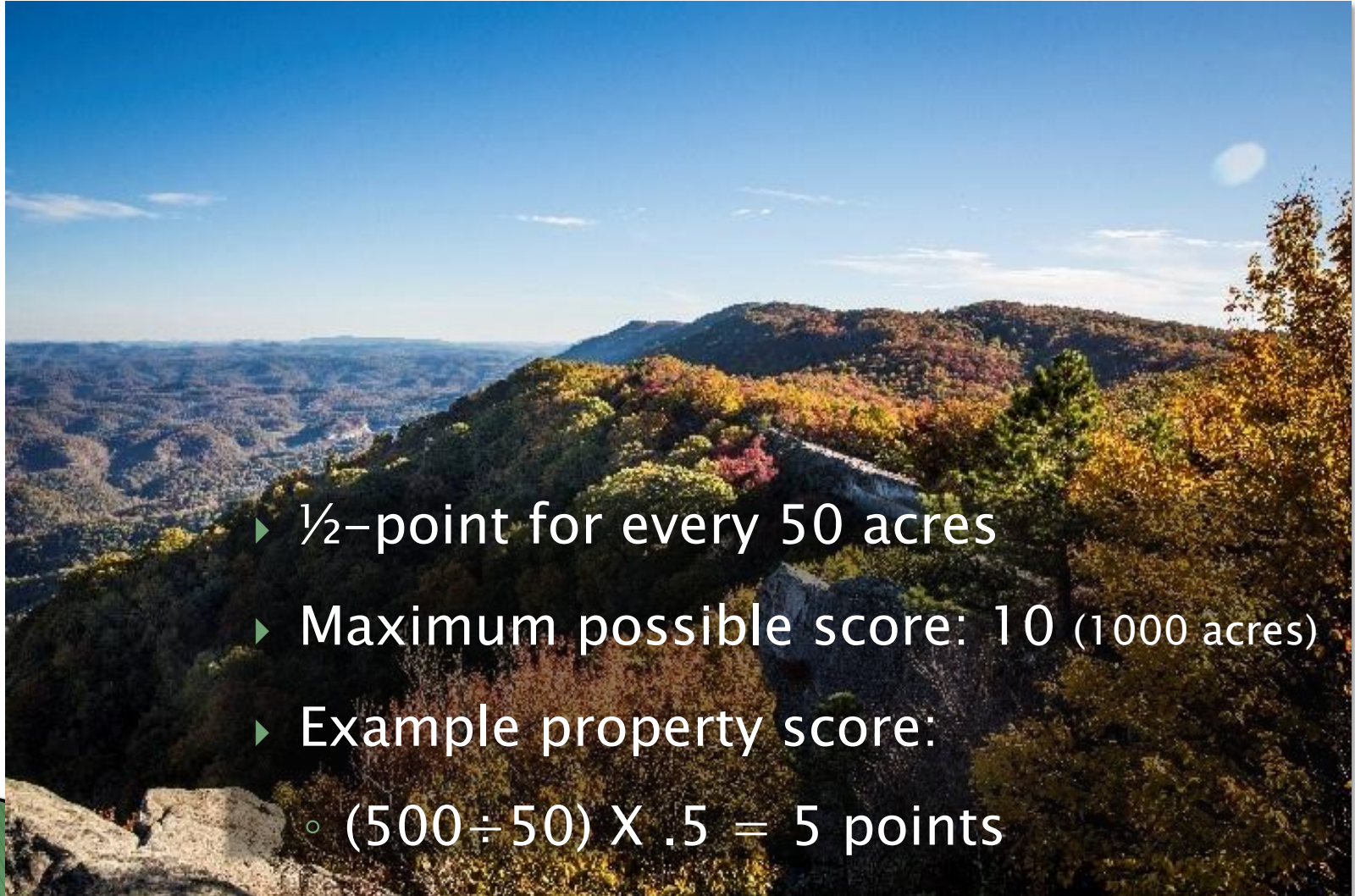
Forest Lands Criteria

Criteria	Possible Points
1. Property acreage	10
2. Percent forested	20
3. Percent of forest that is high forest conservation value (FCV)	15
4. Length of watercourses	15
5. Adjacency to conserved lands	5
6. Management	5
7. Forest land base preservation	10
8. Percent within ConserveVirginia	20
TOTALS	100

Example Application

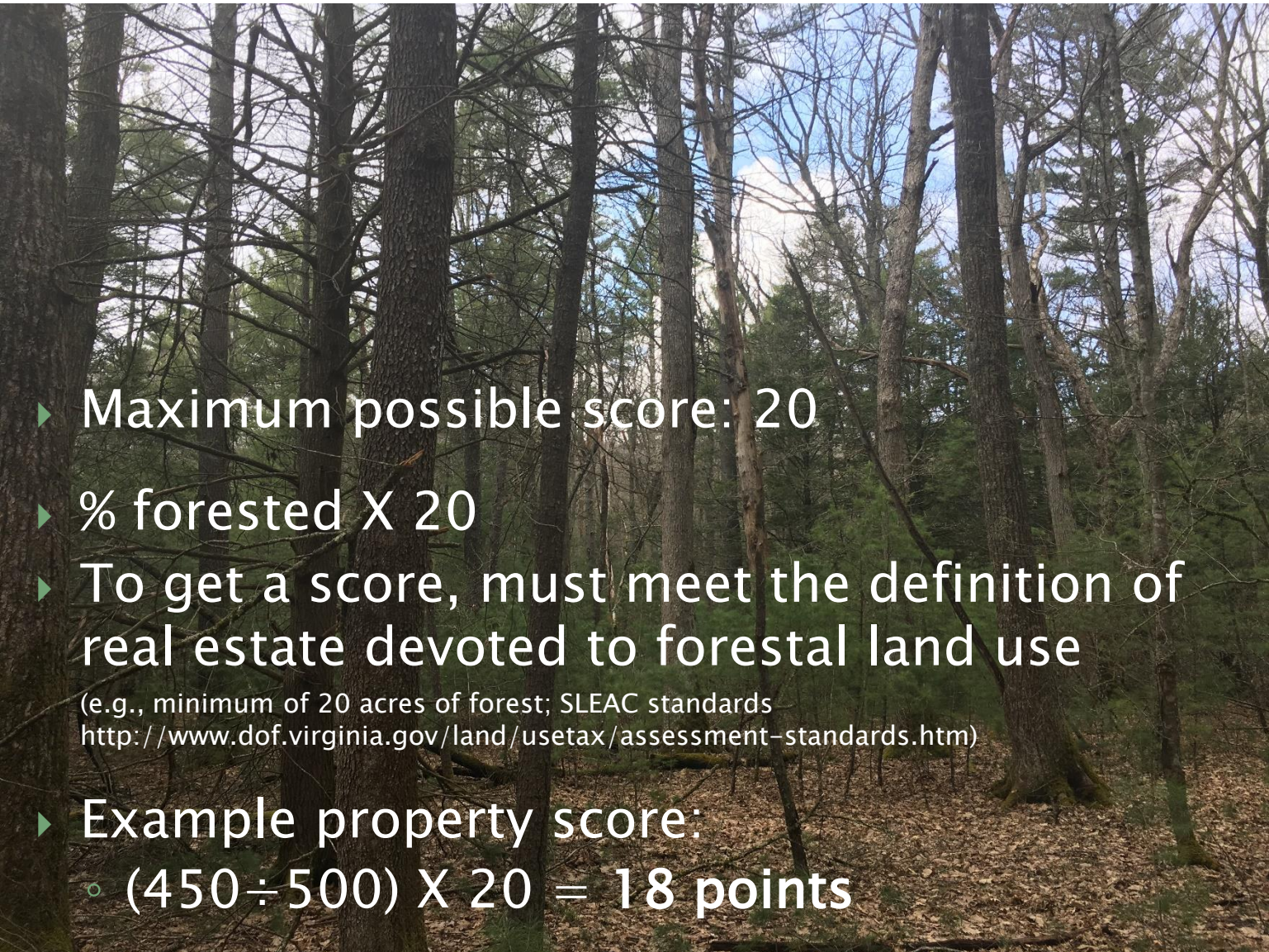
- 500-acre property
 - 450 acres forested, 400 acres high FCV
 - 63% of acreage in ConserveVirginia
- 6250' of watercourses
- Adjacent to Wildlife Management Area & within 2 miles of eased property
- Forest Stewardship Management Plan & demonstrated implementation
- Applicant willing to permanently retain 375 acres of forest land base

1. Property Acreage



- ▶ ½-point for every 50 acres
- ▶ Maximum possible score: 10 (1000 acres)
- ▶ Example property score:
 - $(500 \div 50) \times .5 = 5$ points

2. Percent Forested

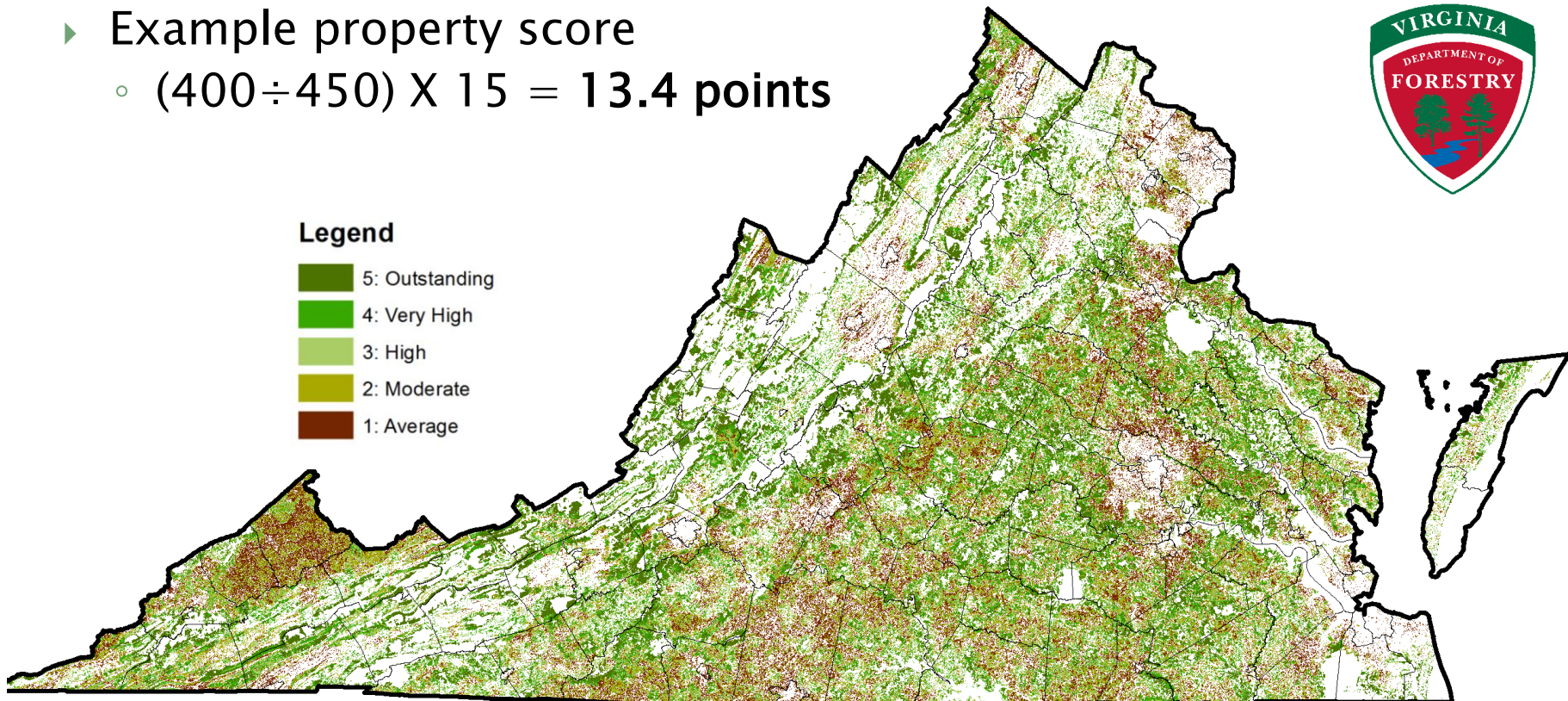
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- ▶ Maximum possible score: 20
 - ▶ % forested X 20
 - ▶ To get a score, must meet the definition of real estate devoted to forestal land use

(e.g., minimum of 20 acres of forest; SLEAC standards
<http://www.dof.virginia.gov/land/usetax/assessment-standards.htm>)

- ▶ Example property score:
 - $(450 \div 500) \times 20 = 18$ points

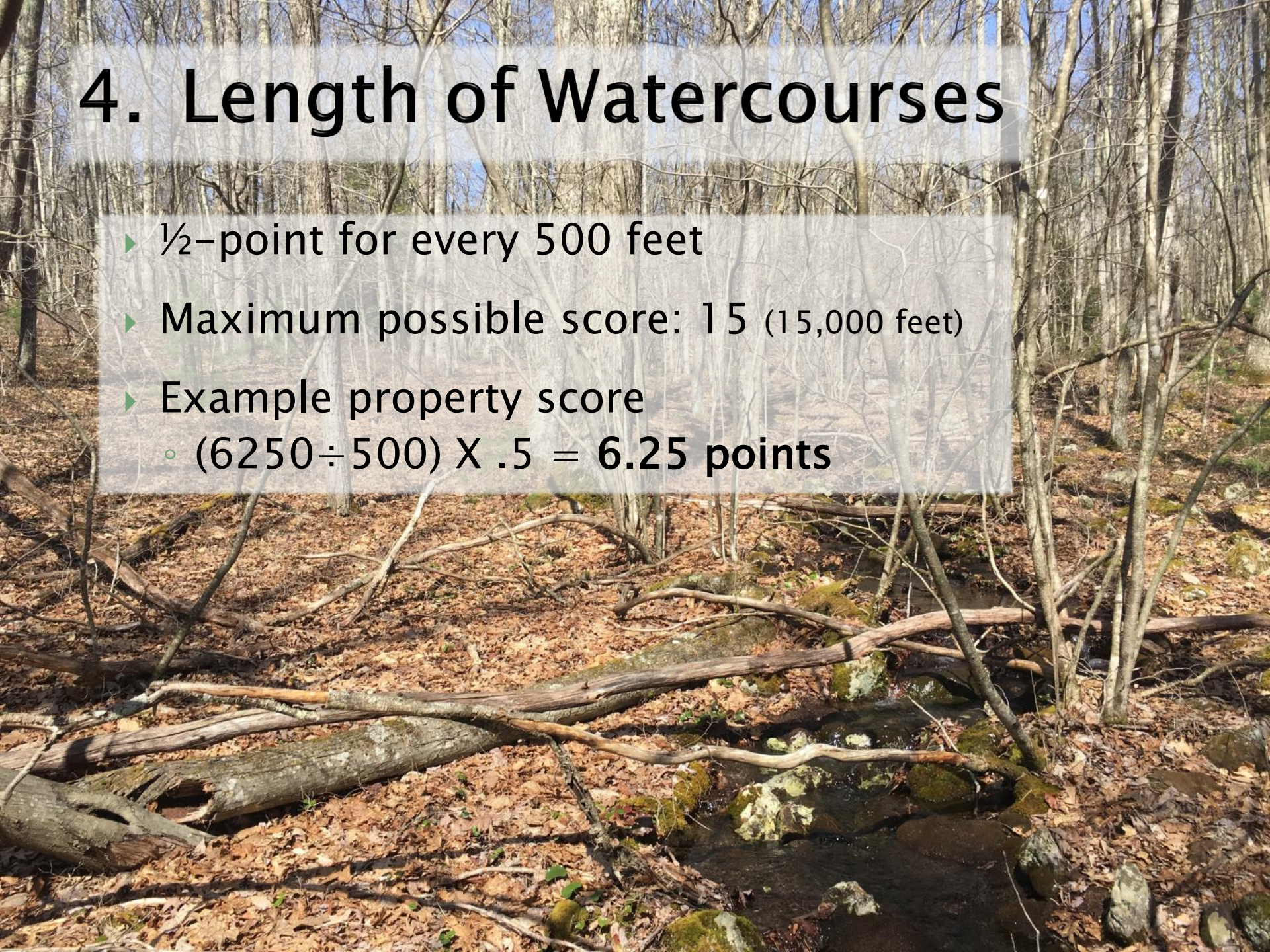
3. Forest Conservation Value

- ▶ Maximum possible score: 15
- ▶ % of property that has a “very high/outstanding ” FCV value X 15
- ▶ Example property score
 - $(400 \div 450) \times 15 = 13.4$ points



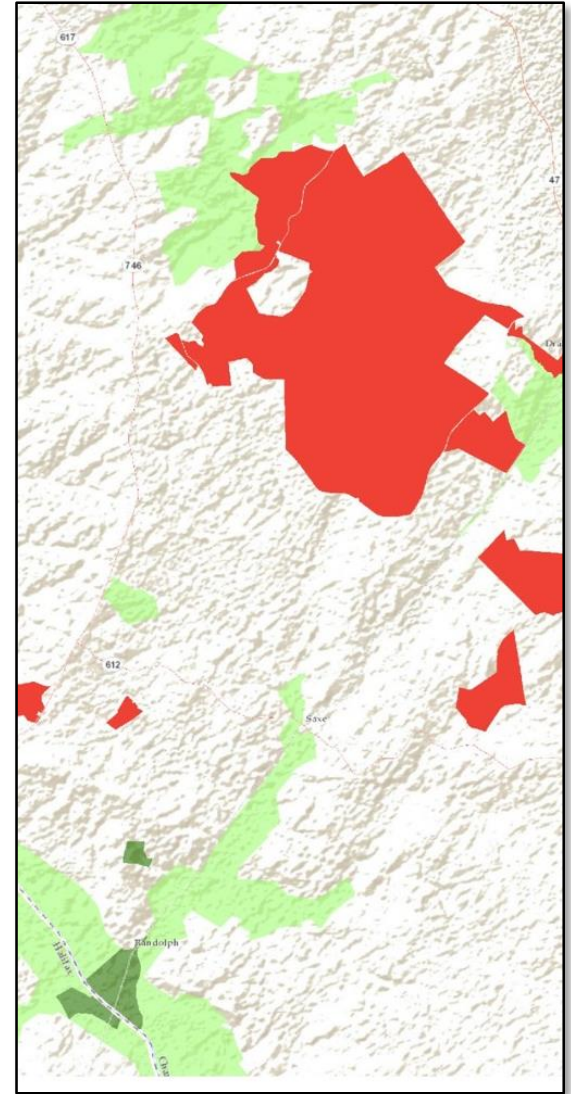
4. Length of Watercourses

- ▶ ½-point for every 500 feet
- ▶ Maximum possible score: 15 (15,000 feet)
- ▶ Example property score
 - $(6250 \div 500) \times .5 = 6.25$ points



5. Adjacency

- ▶ Maximum possible score: 5
- ▶ The closer you are to already conserved land, the more points
 - Adjacent = 5 pts
 - Within 1 mile = 4pts
 - Within 2 miles = 3pts
 - Within 3 miles = 2pts
 - Within 5 miles = 1pt
- ▶ Example property score
 - 5 points



6. Management

- ▶ Maximum possible score: 5
 - Current plan, being implemented = 5 points
 - Plan exists, no implementation = 3 points
 - No plan = 0 points
- ▶ Example property score
 - **5 points**

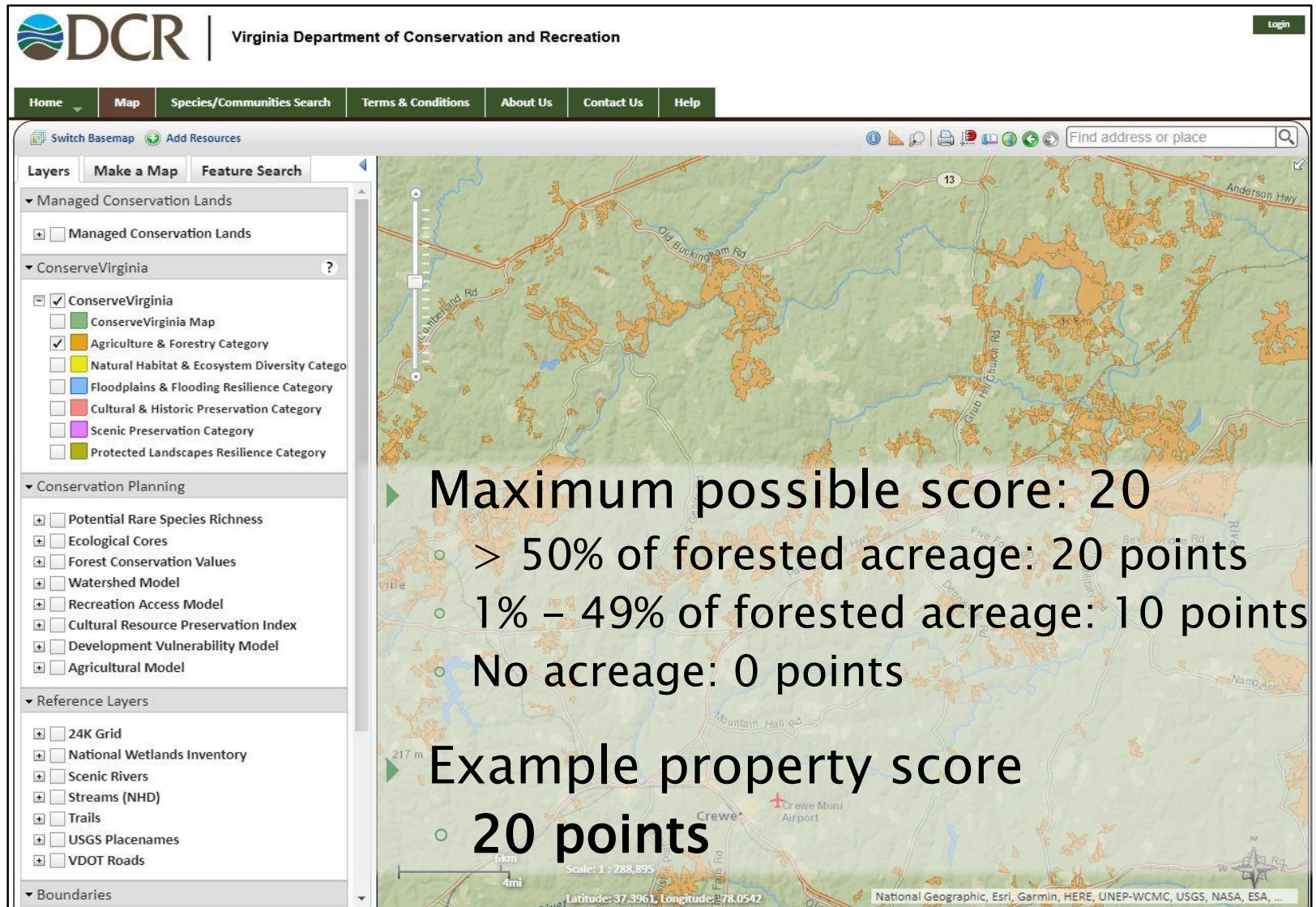


7. Forest Land Base Preservation

- ▶ % of forest land base to be retained as forest X 10
- ▶ Maximum possible score: 10
- ▶ Example property score
 - $(375 \div 450) \times 10 = 8.3$ points



8. ConserveVirginia



Example Results Summary

Criteria	Points	Possible Points
Property acreage	5	10
Percent forested	18	20
High FCV	13.4	15
Length of watercourses	6.25	15
Adjacency	5	5
Management	5	5
Forest land base preservation	8.3	10
ConserveVirginia	20	20
TOTALS	80.95	100

Suggestions

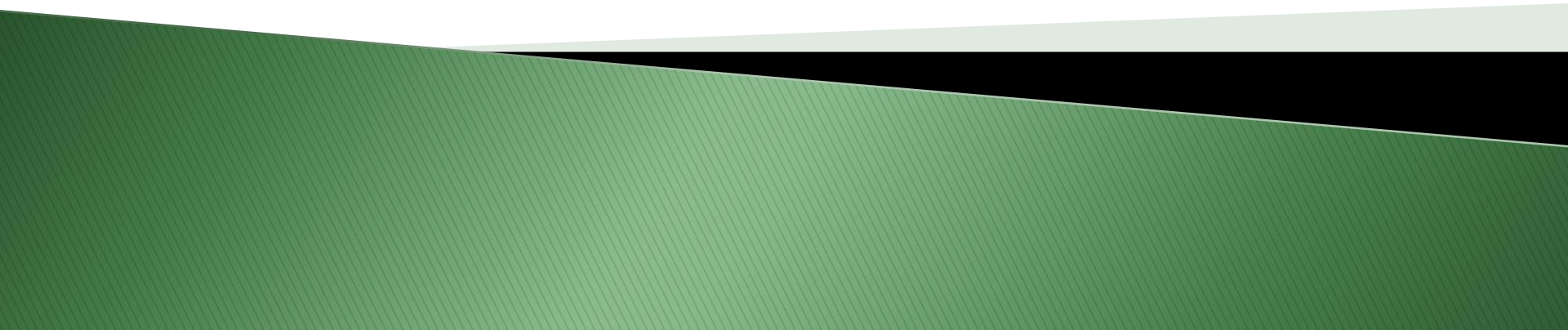
- ▶ Highly competitive category
- ▶ Run the scoring sheet yourself, provide evidence in your application for why it should score high
- ▶ Secondary category designations
- ▶ Complete application – respond to all criteria & questions



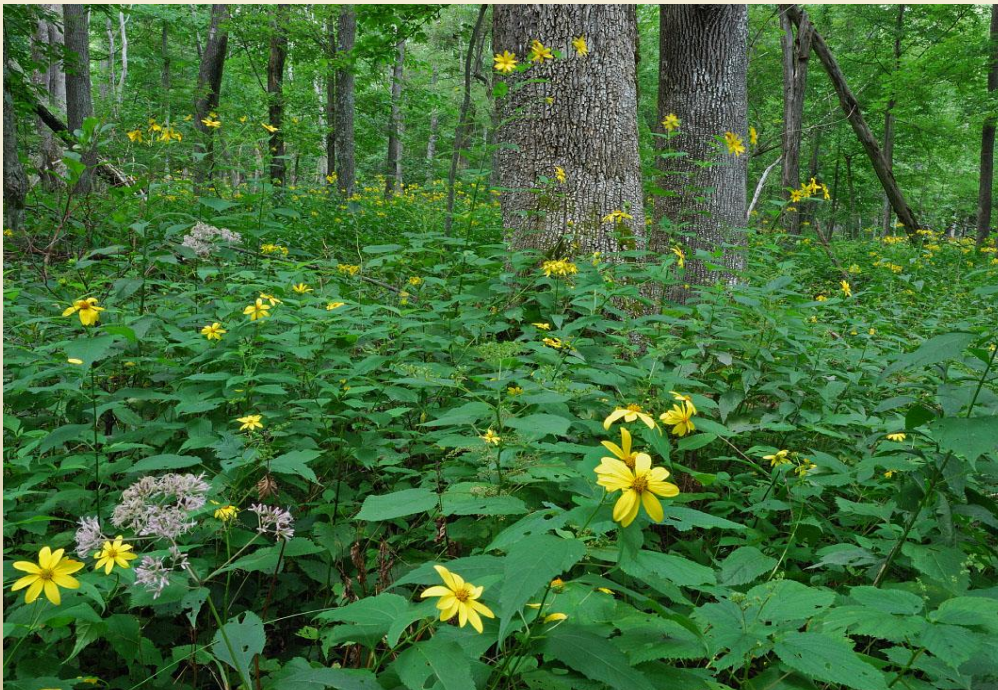
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Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation Division of Natural Heritage



VLCF Eligibility Requirements

(Natural Area category)

Each project must:

- (1) support natural heritage resources
- (2) demonstrate the necessary commitment and financial capability to manage the property
- (3) include a recommendation from DCR Natural Heritage (see Va. Code § 10.1- 1022.1)
- (4) include dedication of all property as a natural area preserve...” (see Va. Code § 10.1- 1022.1 D)

Natural Heritage Resources

Elements Tracked:

Natural communities: 528

Plant species: 709

Animal species: 796

Significant Caves: 369

Stream Conservation Units: 541



Management/Financial Commitment

threat assessment is required (§ 10.1- 1022.1)

DNH evaluates short-term and long-term stresses: unmanageable – high intensity



DCR recommendation (§ 10.1-1022.1)

- significant contribution to the protection of natural heritage resources;
- essential conservation sites & unprotected elements;
- rarity of the elements;
- size and viability of the site; and
- capability to protect the site from short-term and long-term stresses to the area.

Deed of Dedication

- **Perpetuity**
- **No impairment**, disturbance, use, or development of the area inconsistent with resource protection & management;
- **Incompatible uses prohibited** (see Natural Area Preserve Management Guidelines Technical Report #10-19, 2010)
- **Compatible uses allowed** (see Natural Area Preserve Management Guidelines)
- **Signed management plan** required (before dedication & funds transfer)

VLCF Scoring Criteria

Biodiversity Significance

(35 pts)

Quality, quantity, and significance of natural heritage resources present?

Ecological Integrity

(20 pts)

Regional Landscape & parcel integrity, connectivity.

Likelihood of Success

(25 pts)

Management needs & applicant capacity, DNH site visit/owner discussions, development threats

Conserve Virginia

(20 pts)

% of the project is included in “Natural Habitat and Biological Diversity Category”

Site visit & Landowner Contact

NHP staff MUST have timely opportunity to visit the tract:

- Determine/confirm presence of resources,
- Evaluate mgt needs & assess threats
- Discuss conservation measures & implications of natural area dedication with landowner



Natural Heritage Data Explorer (NHDE)



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▼ Managed Conservation Lands

☒ **Managed Conservation Lands**

▼ Conservation Planning

- ☐ Agricultural Model
- ☐ Cultural Asset Model
- ☐ Ecological Cores
- ☐ Forest Economics Model
- ☐ Recreational Assets Model
- ☐ Vulnerability Model
- ☐ Watershed Integrity Model

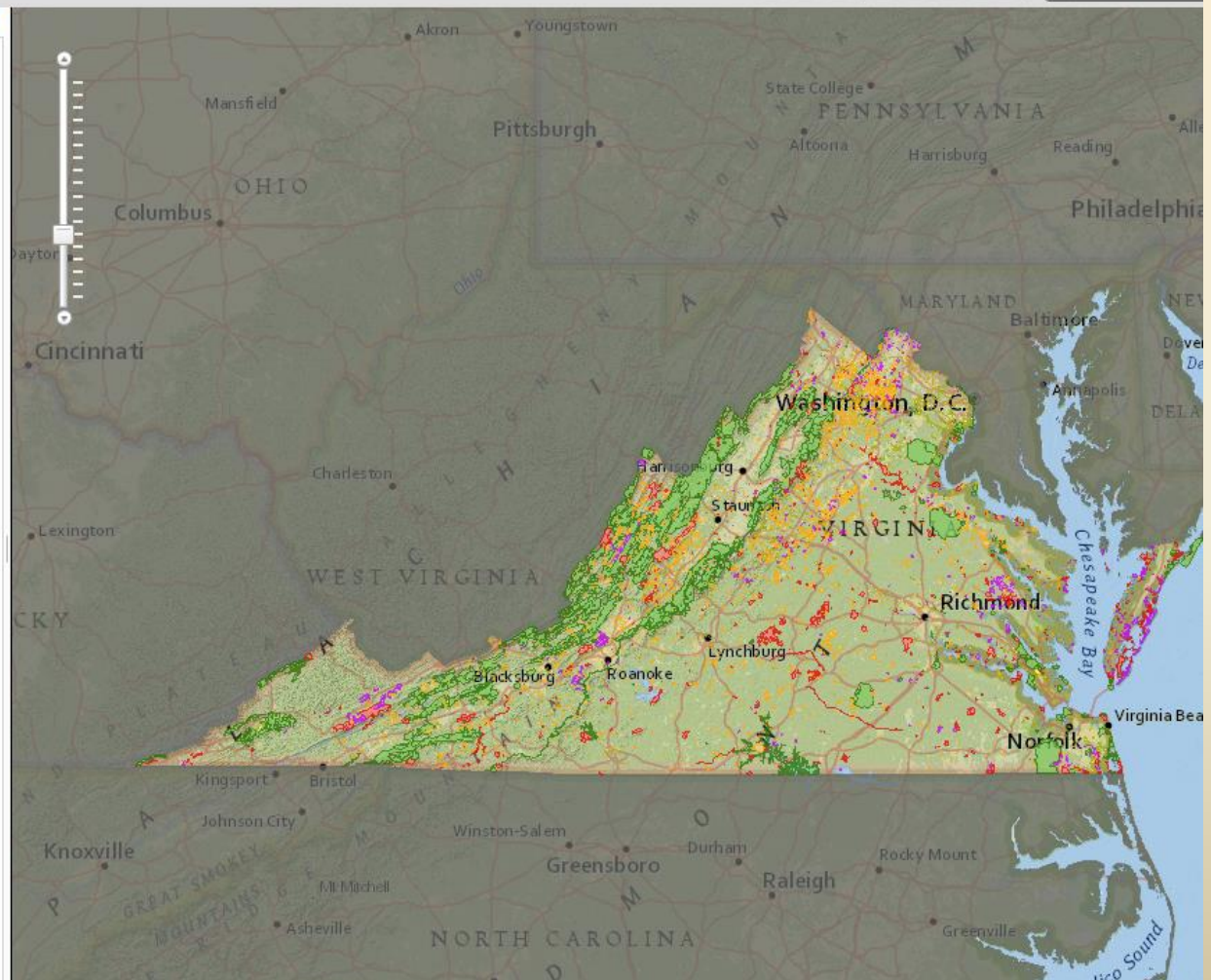
▼ Reference Layers

- ☐ 24K Grid
- ☐ National Wetlands Inventory
- ☐ Scenic Rivers
- ☐ Streams (NHD)
- ☐ Trails
- ☐ USGS Placenames
- ☐ VDOT Roads

▼ Boundaries

- ☐ Counties
- ☐ Physiographic Provinces
- ☐ Planning Districts
- ☐ Subwatersheds (12 digit USGS)
- ☐ Watersheds (8 digit USGS, subbasin)
- ☒ Virginia Boundary

▼ Basemap



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Questions?



Open Space and Parks Category



Open Space and Parks Category

Applications for public recreational and open space projects will be evaluated based on the following criteria...

Acquires land or a conservation easement that provides increased **public access to state waters** offering recreational potential.





Acquires lands or easements creating new outdoor recreational opportunities for underserved communities or expands existing parks and/or public conservation areas with a focus on recreational interests.



Protects scenic viewsheds or land important to the protection of designated **scenic resources**:

- Federally designated Wild and Scenic Rivers
- American Heritage Rivers
- Virginia's Scenic Rivers
- Scenic Roads and Byways
- Recreational trails, including greenways or blueways

VOP Mapper

<http://consapps.dcr.virginia.gov/dnh/vop/vopmapper.htm>

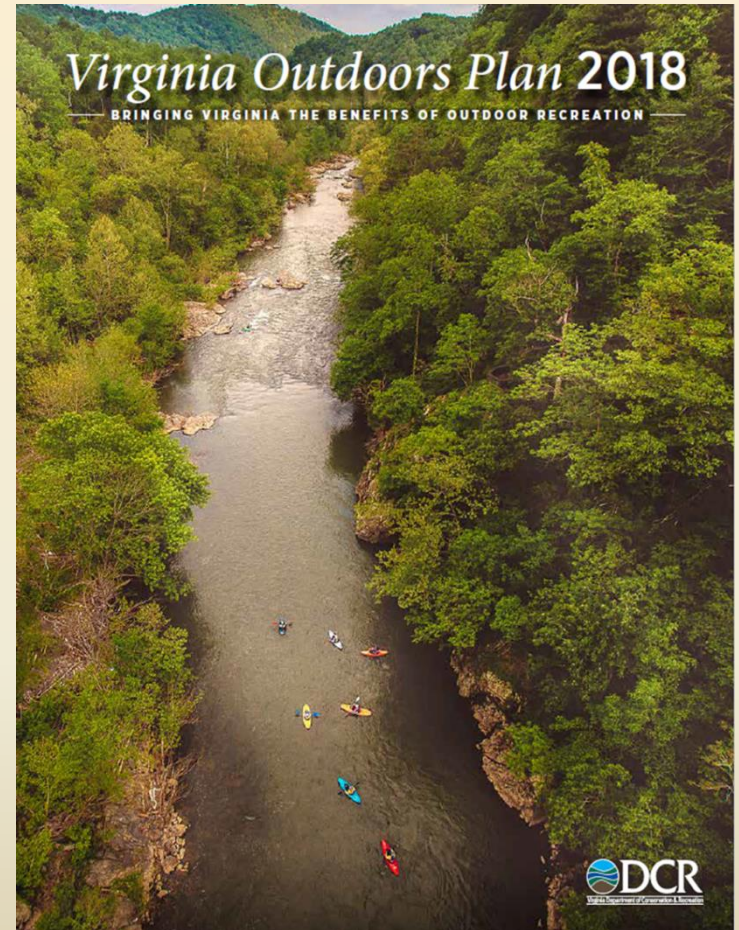


Supports local or regional comprehensive plans

- for parks, open space, and recreational facilities
- contributes to protection of a state, regionally, or locally identified conservation corridor

Addresses a need identified in the Virginia Outdoors Plan

(In both cases name and page number of plan must be cited)



<https://www.dcr.virginia.gov/recreational-planning/vop>

Virginia Outdoors Plan 2018

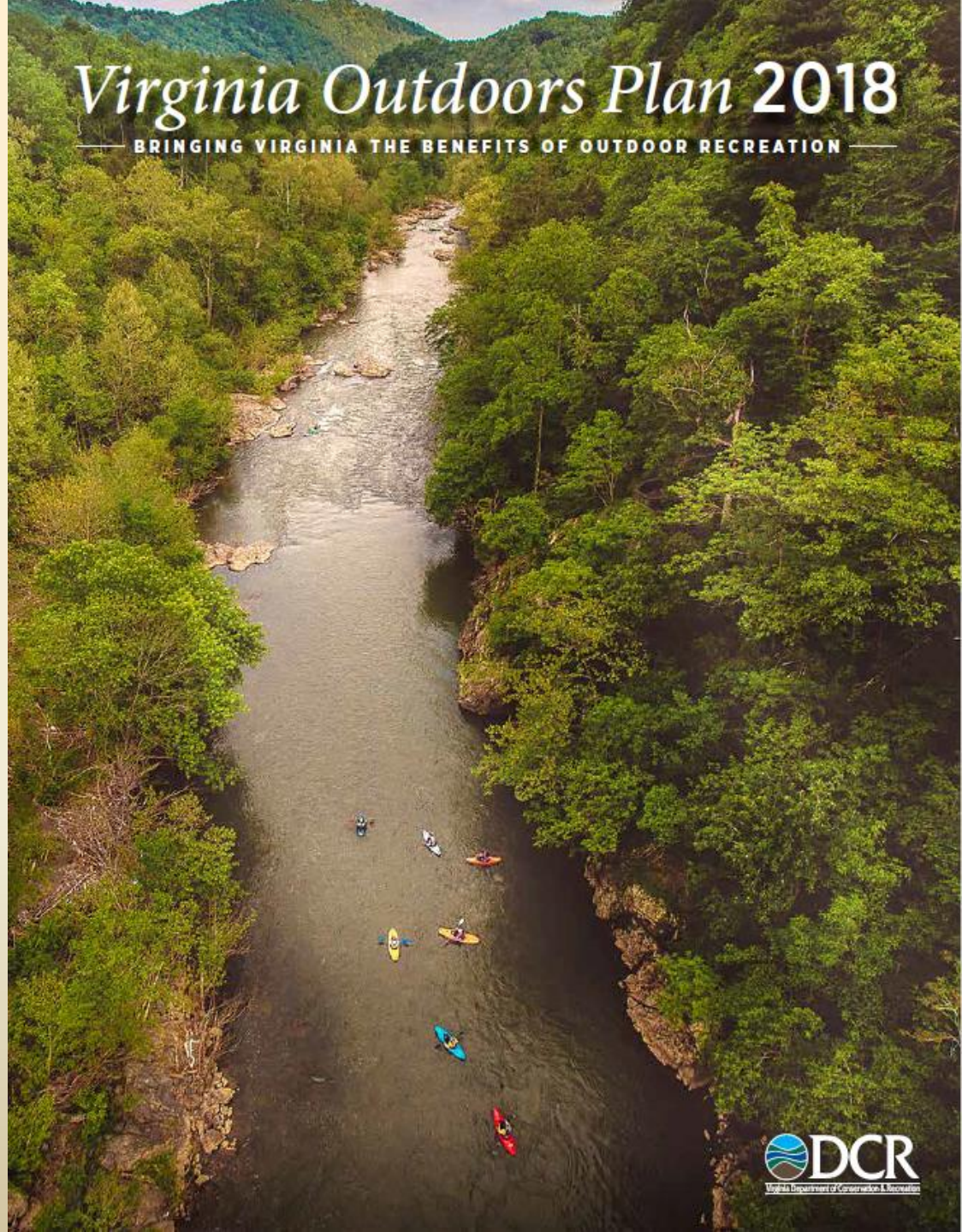
BRINGING VIRGINIA THE BENEFITS OF OUTDOOR RECREATION

2018

Virginia Outdoors Plan

Virginia's 11th Statewide
Comprehensive Outdoor
Recreation Plan

- VA's official Outdoor Recreation and Land Conservation plan
- Produced every 5 years
- Totally digital
- Includes Regional priorities
- Beginning process for 2023 update





Survey Summary

- Natural areas, parks, trails, and access to waterways remain among the top recreational needs in Virginia
- Increased participation in freshwater fishing and paddle sports
- Increased visitation to natural areas and preserves
- Strong support (74%) for public funding for outdoor recreation
- Importance of scenic resources in travel planning

**Availability of land for
public use including,
but not limited to
hunting, fishing, or
wildlife watching**



- **Provides an outdoor recreational resource to an underserved community.** The Social Vulnerability Index created by VIMS may be used to identify underserved areas:
http://cmap2.vims.edu/SocialVulnerability/SocioVul_SS.html.
- Data from other sources may also be considered for this criterion if applicant provides the source reference.



ConserveVirginia

- Property is in an area with demonstrated recreation need, based on the terrestrial and aquatic layers of the **Recreation Access Model**.
- Property is in any category of ConserveVirginia and open to the public on a daily basis.



Federal Recreation Grants - PRR Division

<https://www.dcr.virginia.gov/recreational-planning/grants>

Email RecreationGrants@DCR.Virginia.gov

Funding Interest Form – due March 15th

- **Land & Water Conservation Fund:**
 - National Park Service – 50/50 Match Reimbursement
 - Properties must be for **Public Outdoor Recreation** in Perpetuity (w/plans for public access within 3 years)
 - Pending further updates from NPS – planning grant round this year for both acquisition and development projects
- **Recreational Trails Program:**
 - Federal Highways Administration– 80/20 Match Reimbursement
 - Trail and trail amenity construction projects, including PE
 - Planning grant round approx. April-June 2021



Virginia Land Conservation Foundation

FY 21 Grant Round II

Historic Area Preservation Category

Virginia Department of Historic Resources

Scoring Criteria: Historic Area Preservation Category

Criterion #1-Historic Significance

Maximum Score 35 points

Establishes the type of historic or cultural resource to be protected:

Architecturally significant building or structure, agricultural complex, archaeological site, historic landscape, sites of cultural importance, Civil War, Revolutionary War or War of 1812 battlefield or site, etc.

Strong proposals are likely to protect or preserve a resource that:

- Is listed on the Virginia Landmarks Register (VLR); or
- Is a Civil War, American Revolutionary War, or War of 1812 battlefield or site; or
- Is formally determined eligible for listing on the VLR; and
- Retains a high degree of historic integrity; and
- Relate to Virginia's culturally diverse history; and
- Is included in the ConserveVirginia Cultural and Historic Preservation category.

Applicant: _____

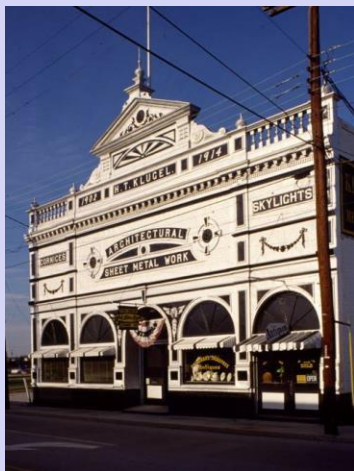
Historic Area Preservation Category

Criterion	Score	Notes
1) Historic Significance Maximum score: 35 <u>Historic Resource/Property is:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Individually listed on VLR or is a contributing resource in a listed historic district = 25○ Determined by DHR to be eligible for listing on VLR = 10 -OR- 2) Historic Resource/Property is: <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Civil War, Revolutionary War, or War of 1812 site or battlefield designated as Priority I, II, III, or IV in the Battlefield Reports (see page 7 of Grant manual) = 25 -AND- 3) Other (more than one may apply): <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Resources that are underdocumented or relate to Virginia's culturally diverse history = 5○ Resources with a high degree of historic integrity = 5		
2) Threat Maximum score: 15 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Currently on the market for sale, in an estate being settled, threatened by development, or in imminent danger of demolition = 15• Recently on the market for sale, resource is vacant/unoccupied, or resource is significantly deteriorated and in need of immediate preservation = 10• Adjacent to similar property currently on the market for sale or sold within the previous calendar year = 5• No documentation of threat = 0		
3) Use and Treatment of Historic Resources and Property Maximum score: 10 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Plans for future use(s) (e.g. interpretation as a historic site, subdivision, timber harvest) of the property are appropriate and consistent with historic resource stewardship and protection = 5• Plans for treatment, alteration, and maintenance of historic resources on the property are appropriate and consistent with historic resource stewardship and protection = 5• No documentation of plans for uses of property or treatment of historic resources = 0		
4) Historic Resource Protection Maximum score: 10 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Proposed easement terms and restrictions provide comprehensive protection for historic resources and are specifically consistent with VBHR easement template = 10• Proposed easement terms and protections for historic resources are acceptable, and generally consistent with VBHR easement template = 5		
5) Adjacency to Conserved Land Maximum score: 5 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adjacent to existing conserved land = 5• In viewshed of, or in close physical proximity to significant historic resources, and/or existing conserved land = 3• Not in viewshed of, or in close physical proximity to significant historic resources or existing conserved land, but represents unique cultural resource within the geographical area = 1		
6) Further Public Interests Maximum Score: 5 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Project includes specific plans for programs that promote research, education, community outreach, or heritage tourism = 5• Project includes general plans for programs to be developed that would promote research, education, community outreach, or heritage tourism = 3• Project contains no specific plans that would further public interests = 0		
7) ConserveVirginia Maximum score: 20 <p>Is the property included in ConserveVirginia?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 50 to 100% of the project is included in ConserveVirginia Cultural and Historic Preservation Category = 20 points• 1 to 49% of the project is included in ConserveVirginia Cultural and Historic Preservation Category = 10 points		

Total Maximum Score 100 points _____

Criterion #1-Historic Significance:

Resource or Property is *Individually Listed* on the Virginia Landmarks Register; or
(25 points)



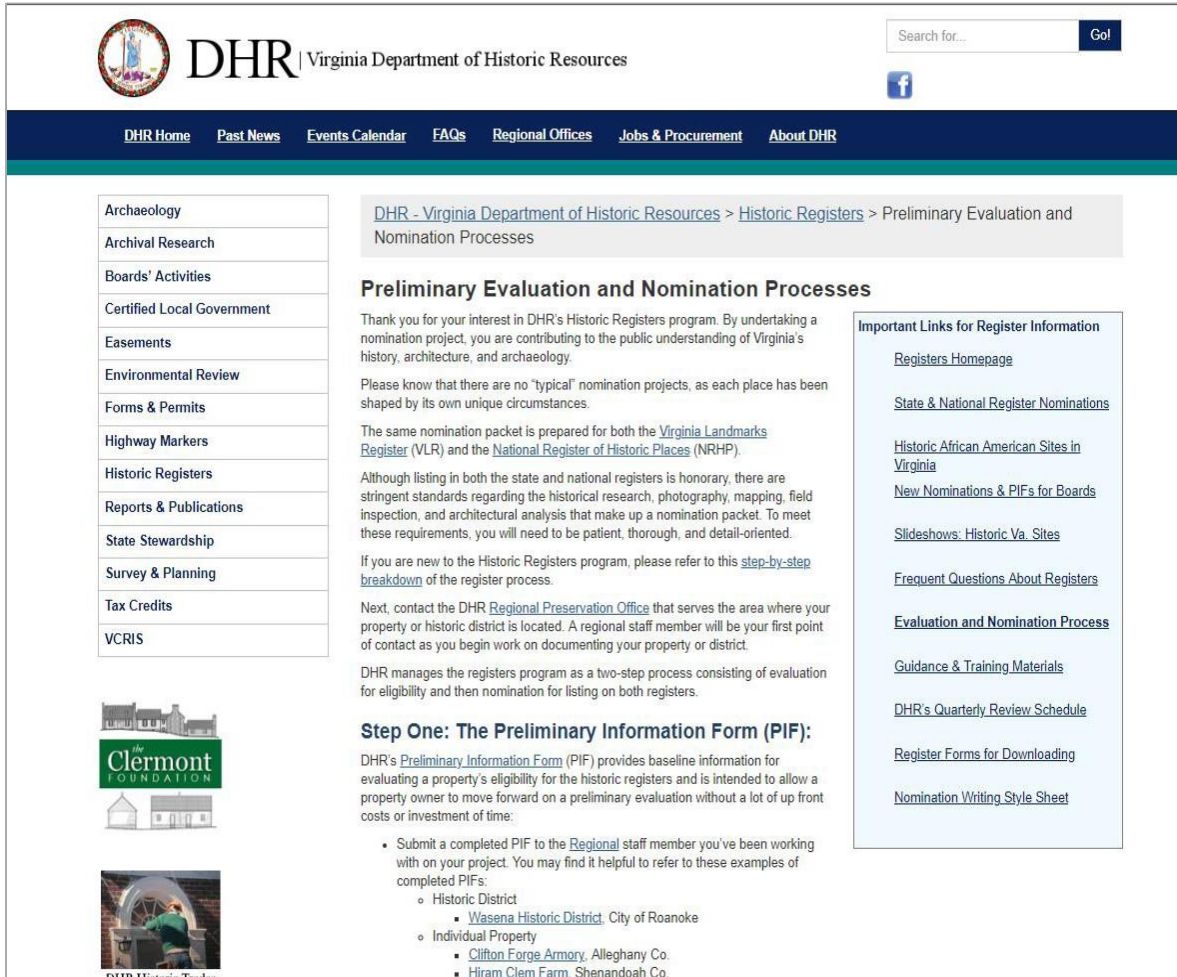
Criterion #1-Historic Significance:


Resource or Property is a *Contributing Resource* to an Historic District Listed on the VLR; or
(25 points)




Criterion #1-Historic Significance:

Resource or Property was Formally Determined Eligible for Listing on VLR (10 points)





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Preliminary Evaluation and Nomination Processes

Thank you for your interest in DHR's Historic Registers program. By undertaking a nomination project, you are contributing to the public understanding of Virginia's history, architecture, and archaeology.

Please know that there are no "typical" nomination projects, as each place has been shaped by its own unique circumstances.

The same nomination packet is prepared for both the [Virginia Landmarks Register](#) (VLR) and the [National Register of Historic Places](#) (NRHP).

Although listing in both the state and national registers is honorary, there are stringent standards regarding the historical research, photography, mapping, field inspection, and architectural analysis that make up a nomination packet. To meet these requirements, you will need to be patient, thorough, and detail-oriented.

If you are new to the Historic Registers program, please refer to this [step-by-step breakdown](#) of the register process.

Next, contact the DHR [Regional Preservation Office](#) that serves the area where your property or historic district is located. A regional staff member will be your first point of contact as you begin work on documenting your property or district.

DHR manages the registers program as a two-step process consisting of evaluation for eligibility and then nomination for listing on both registers.

Step One: The Preliminary Information Form (PIF):

DHR's [Preliminary Information Form](#) (PIF) provides baseline information for evaluating a property's eligibility for the historic registers and is intended to allow a property owner to move forward on a preliminary evaluation without a lot of up front costs or investment of time:

- Submit a completed PIF to the [Regional](#) staff member you've been working with on your project. You may find it helpful to refer to these examples of completed PIFs:
 - Historic District
 - [Wasena Historic District](#), City of Roanoke
 - Individual Property
 - [Clifton Forge Armory](#), Alleghany Co.
 - [Hiram Clem Farm](#), Shenandoah Co.

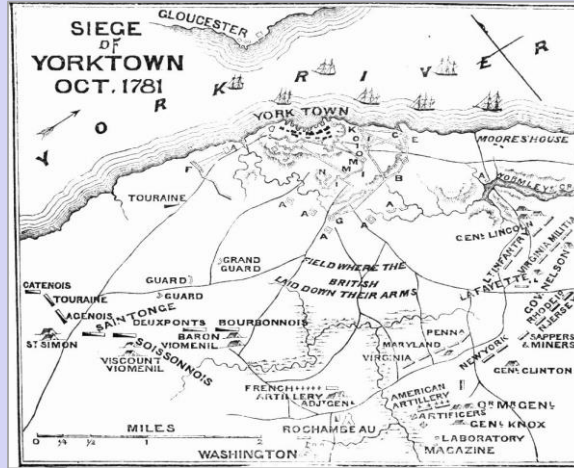
Important Links for Register Information

- [Registers Homepage](#)
- [State & National Register Nominations](#)
- [Historic African American Sites in Virginia](#)
- [New Nominations & PIFs for Boards](#)
- [Slideshows: Historic Va. Sites](#)
- [Frequent Questions About Registers](#)
- [Evaluation and Nomination Process](#)
- [Guidance & Training Materials](#)
- [DHR's Quarterly Review Schedule](#)
- [Register Forms for Downloading](#)
- [Nomination Writing Style Sheet](#)

- Category for properties that may not be listed on the VLR, but have been determined eligible for listing by DHR
- Eligibility determination made through DHR's process for evaluation and listing on the VLR
- Official listing on the VLR will be required for properties awarded funding under this section

Criterion #1-Historic Significance:

Resource or Property is a Civil War, Revolutionary War, or War of 1812 Virginia Battlefield or Site
(25 points)



Evaluation of Battlefields:

If not listed on the VLR, battlefield or site must be identified with a priority rating in one of the following reports administered by the National Park Service's American Battlefield Protection Program:

- ***Report on the Nation's Civil War Battlefields*** (1993, as amended)
- ***Report to Congress on the Historic Preservation of Revolutionary War and War of 1812 Sites in the United States*** (2007, as amended)

Report on the Nation's Civil War Battlefields Preservation Priority Ratings:

Priority I:

Battlefields with a critical need for action

Priority II:

Battlefields with potential for comprehensive preservation

Priority III:

Battlefields needing additional protection

Priority IV:

Fragmented battlefields



Criterion #1-Historic Significance:

Other (more than one may apply):

- Resources that are under documented or relate to Virginia's culturally diverse history **(5 points)**
- Resources with a high degree of historic integrity **(5 points)**



Criterion #2-Threat:

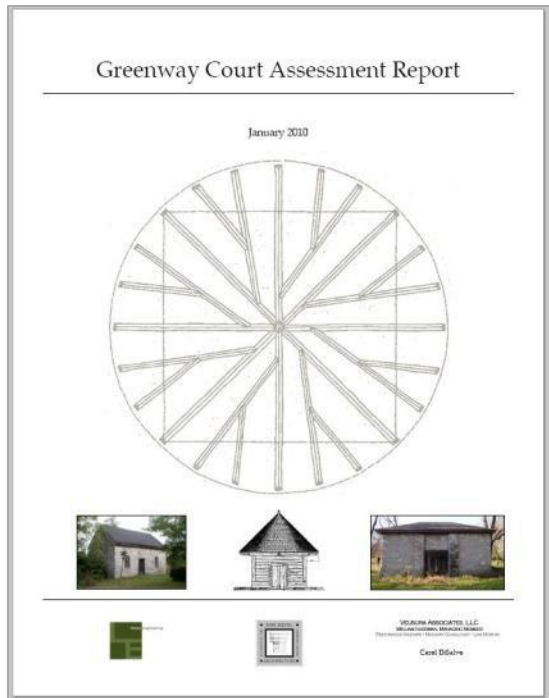
Maximum Score 15 points

- Currently on market for sale, in an estate being settled, threatened by development, OR in imminent danger of demolition **(15 points)**
- Recently on market for sale, vacant/unoccupied, OR significantly deteriorated and in need of immediate preservation **(10 points)**
- Adjacent to similar property currently on market for sale OR sold within previous calendar year **(5 points)**
- No documentation of threat **(0 points)**



Criterion #3 - Use & Treatment of Historic Resources and Property:

Maximum Score 10 points



- Plans for future use(s) of property are appropriate and consistent with historic resource stewardship and protection **(5 points)**
- Plans for treatment, alteration, and maintenance of historic resources on the property are appropriate and consistent with historic resource stewardship and protection **(5 points)**
- No documentation of plans for uses of property or treatment of historic resources **(0 points)**

Note:

- ❖ *Any related reports and plans for property may be submitted with application*
- ❖ *All proposals and/or project plans must be consistent with Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Treatment of Historic Properties*



Criterion #4-Historic Resource Protection:

Maximum Score 10 points

- Proposed easement terms and restrictions provide comprehensive protection for historic resources AND are *specifically* consistent with VBHR easement template (10 points)
- Proposed easement terms and protections for historic resources are acceptable, AND are *generally* consistent with VBHR easement template (5 points)

BATTLEFIELD EASEMENT TEMPLATE- NONPROFIT

This sample deed is provided to assist landowners and their attorneys in preparing deeds of easement to be conveyed to the Virginia Board of Historic Resources (VBHR). As each property contains unique Preservation and Conservation Values, the easement language will be tailored to each individual property and the resources to be protected. The Virginia Department of Historic Resources (VDHR) staff may recommend additional provisions appropriate to the individual property and its resources. Landowners should discuss present and future land management practices with staff before preparation of the deed of easement.

If any federal and/or state grant funds have been or will be awarded or transferred to the Grantor for the full or partial purchase of the property in fee simple or of this easement, additional restrictions and legal obligations may apply. Please contact the relevant federal and/or state agency responsible for the applicable grant fund for more information.

Neither the VBHR nor the VDHR can provide legal or tax advice; grantors are strongly advised to obtain the counsel of independent attorneys and/or tax advisors. This template is designed for nonprofit grantors and does not meet federal or state requirements for a federal deduction or state tax credits as a charitable contribution of an interest in real property.

*Regardless of the nature of the transaction, this deed of easement is perpetual and runs with the land in perpetuity.
[September 20, 2018; revised February 8, 2019]*

NOTE TO TITLE EXAMINERS: This perpetual easement contains restrictions on permitted uses and activities on the property described below, which run with the land and are applicable to the property in perpetuity.

PREPARED BY:

[If prepared by other than VDHR, provide name, organization, address]

[If by an attorney, Name and VSB No.]

Prepared under the supervision of
The Office of the Attorney General of Virginia

When recorded, please return to:
Virginia Department of Historic Resources
2801 Kensington Avenue
Richmond, VA 23221

Title Insurance: [Name of insurer or None]

[As applicable] Tax Map/GPIN/Parcel Number:

Exempted from recordation taxes
under the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended,
§§ 58.1-811(A)(3) and 58.1-811(D)
and from Circuit Court Clerk's Fees under § 17.1-266

DEED OF GIFT OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND OPEN-SPACE EASEMENT

[PROPERTY NAME]

Battlefield
County

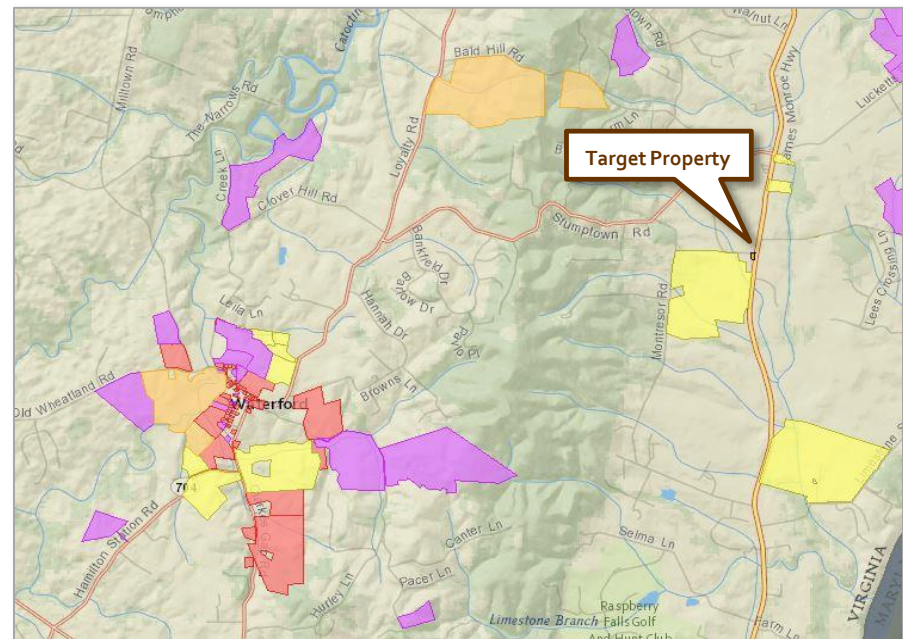
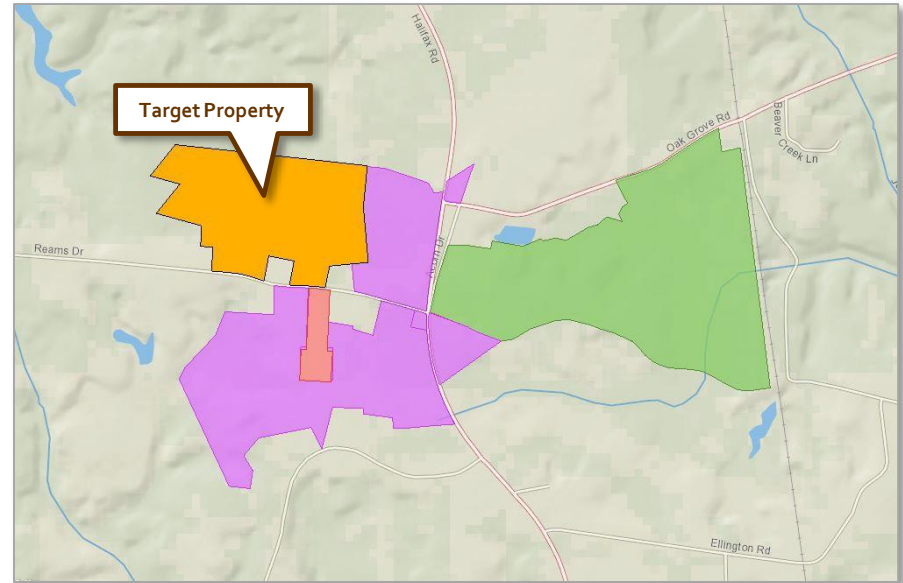
VDHR EASEMENT FILE NO. _____ ep

THIS DEED OF GIFT OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND OPEN-SPACE EASEMENT
("Deed of Easement") is made this _____ day of _____, 20____, by [Grantor name/title],
[if nonperson, describe legal status (corporation, nonprofit, etc.)] ("Grantor"), and the

Criterion #5-Adjacency to Conserved Lands:

Maximum Score 5 points

- Adjacent to existing conserved land **(5 points)**
- In viewshed of, or in close physical proximity to significant historic resources and/or existing conserved land **(3 points)**
- Not in viewshed of, or in close physical proximity to significant historic resources and/or existing conserved land, but represents unique cultural resource within geographical area **(1 point)**



Criterion #6-Further Public Interests:

Maximum Score 5 points

- Project includes *specific* plans for programs that promote research, education, community outreach or heritage tourism **(5 points)**
 - Applications that conserve resources associated with underrepresented communities and provide public educational opportunities to share untold stories and advance social equity are particularly encouraged
- Project includes *general* plans for programs to be developed that would promote research, education, community outreach or heritage tourism **(3 points)**
- Project contains no *specific* plans that would further public interests **(0 points)**

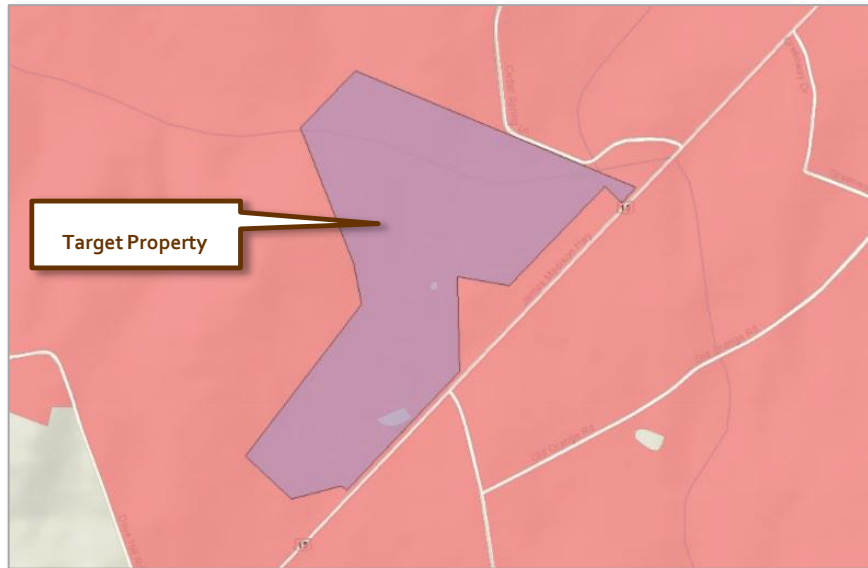


Criterion #7-Conserve Virginia:

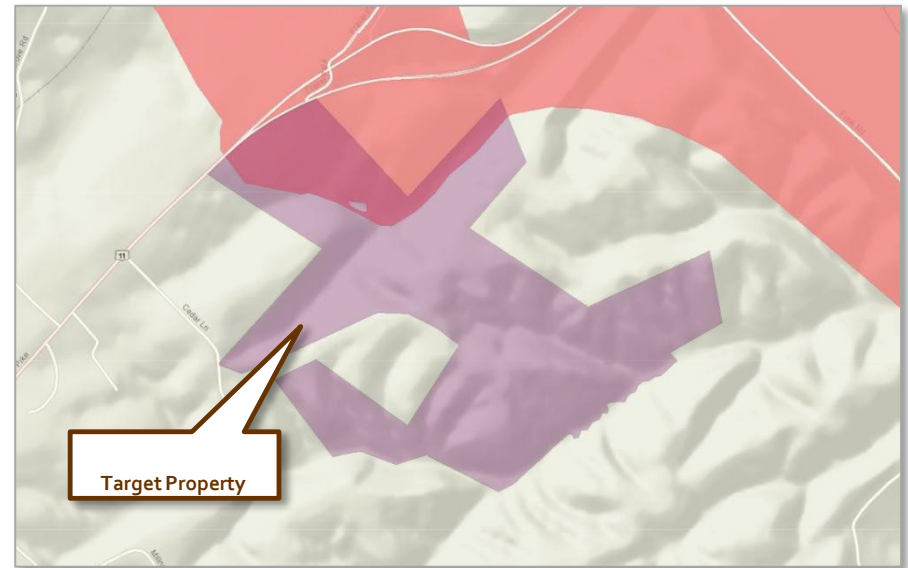
Maximum Score 20 points

Is the property included within the Cultural & Historic Preservation layer in ConserveVirginia?

- 50 to 100% of the project is included in ConserveVirginia Cultural and Historic Preservation layer **(20 points)**
- 1 to 49% of the project is included in ConserveVirginia Cultural and Historic Preservation layer **(10 points)**



Entirely within ConserveVirginia layer

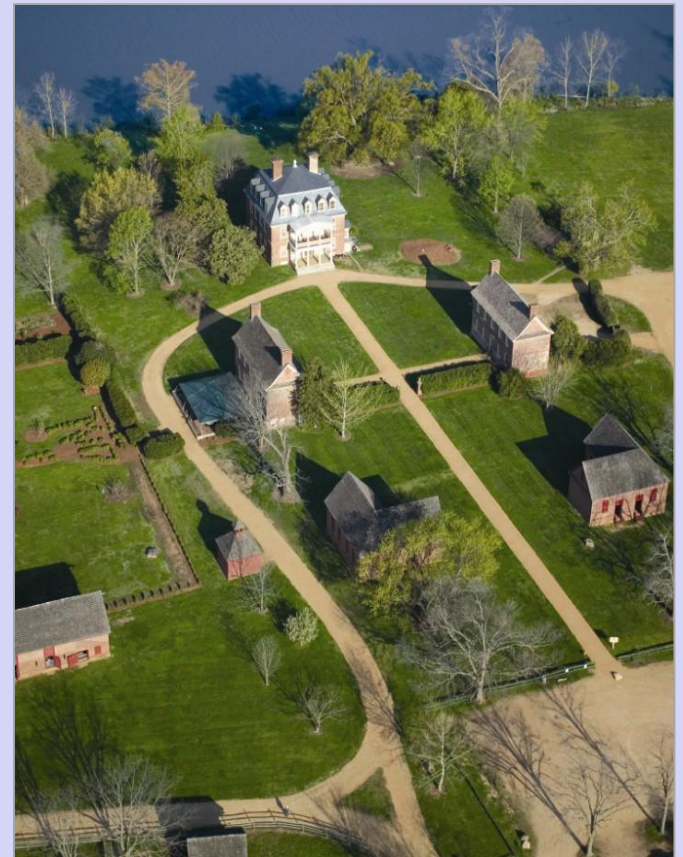


Partially within ConserveVirginia layer

Additional Requirements for the *Historic Area Preservation Category*

Submit high quality photographs or digital images including:

- Exterior of the primary historic building/structure and any secondary buildings/structures, architecturally significant interior spaces and features, and the setting and viewshed of the primary resource
- For archaeological sites, a general view or site plan and images documenting the condition of the site
- For battlefields, the overall site, its setting and viewshed, and all historic and non-historic structures, roads, and other features within the battlefield or site



For Projects Awarded Grant Funds in the *Historic Area Preservation Category:*

- Property owner shall offer to convey a perpetual historic preservation easement on the property to the Virginia Board of Historic Resources (VBHR)
- VBHR decides whether to accept the easement offer based on established criteria and policies governing Easement Program
- Property must meet Easement Program eligibility requirements or DHR may recommend an alternative easement holder
- Listing on the Virginia Landmarks Register may be required
- Properties are required to be open for public access a minimum of 2 days per calendar year





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VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HISTORIC RESOURCES

EASEMENT APPLICATION FORM

PART A: GENERAL APPLICATION

Updated December 2020

<https://www.dhr.virginia.gov/easements/>

A-1. TRACT/PROPERTY INFORMATION

Property/Project Name:		County/City:
Property Street Address:		
City/Town:	State:	Zip Code:
Total Acres Proposed for Easement:		
Total Acres of Property (if different from acreage to be eased):		
Tax Map ID or PIN No(s):	Parcel Area (Acres):	Proposed Easement Area (Acres):

A-2. OWNERSHIP INFORMATION

(i). Is the property owned by a corporate entity? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
(ii). Is the property held in trust? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Owner #1		
Contact Name:		
Address:		
City/Town:	State:	Zip Code:
Phone:	Email:	
Owner #2 (As Applicable)		
Contact Name:		
Address:		
City/Town:	State:	Zip Code:
Phone:	Email:	

A-3. APPLICANT INFORMATION (IF DIFFERENT FROM OWNER)

Applicant Name/Organization:		
Contact Name & Title:		
Address:		
City/Town:	State:	Zip Code:
Phone:	Email:	

(i). Is the applicant submitting this application on behalf of the property owner? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
(ii). If the applicant intends to acquire the property, what is the anticipated date of closing?	
(iii). Will the property be owned by a corporate entity at the time of easement recordation? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

Note: If applicant is different from property owner, owner must submit a signed letter indicating that the applicant is authorized to submit an application on their behalf and that DHR is authorized to communicate with the applicant regarding owner's property.

A-4. CONSERVATION VALUES ASSOCIATED WITH PROPERTY

Briefly describe the property (e.g. topography, adjacent streets/roads, water bodies, adjacent development).

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Resources:

- Virginia Department of Historic Resources
www.dhr.virginia.gov
- List of properties on the VLR:
<https://www.dhr.virginia.gov/historic-registers/>
- CWSAC Civil War battlefield ratings:
<https://irma.nps.gov/DataStore/Reference/Profile/2274482>
- Revolutionary War and War of 1812 battlefield ratings:
<https://irma.nps.gov/DataStore/Reference/Profile/2274495>



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